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Comment Of The Day

TRAFFIC WARDENS?

TRAFFIC problems are taking up an increasing amount of Police time in Hongkong, time which could be spent in maintaining law and order in more unruly areas than the roads; for example, tackling the Triad menace and dope gangs, corruption and gangsters, and the growing army of petty thieves.

We could turn our trained policemen to this work if we organised full-time "Traffic Wardens" to take their places. The establishment of such a force is now being discussed in Britain. The Wardens would remain under the Traffic Department and their able and conscientious team of administrators.

A School Too

BUT the virtue of the idea is that in addition to freeing policemen for more important duties, the Traffic Wardens would require a less general and yet more specialised training for their work. The Traffic Department could in time organise its own training school, leaving the Aberdeen school free to take more for general police work.

Not only could the Wardens take over traffic control but also parking in the main city areas. Many countries now have special parking police and the problem in Hongkong has reached the stage where it requires more concentration than the man on the beat can afford to give it.

The local police force is not large by world standards, but our problems are growing with our increasing population and the prevalent economic difficulties. And as traffic is also going to take up more and more time and effort with the intensifying congestion on the roads, the idea of setting up a special force is one we should consider.

Search For Missing Danish Ship Continues FLARES IN ATLANTIC Boat Speeds To Area, But Finds Nothing

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Feb. 3.
The United States coast guard cutter Campbell tonight reached the area off the southern tip of Greenland where flares had been reported earlier but found no trace of the missing Danish vessel Hans Hedtoft.

ENGLAND FALL AFTER LUNCH

Adelaide, Feb. 4.
England's pre-lunch stand in the fifth day of the Fourth Test match was broken after lunch when two wickets fell with only 110 runs on the board. Both of England's openers, Peter Richardson and Willie Watson fell to Benaud, with Watson going first—caught for 40—followed by Richardson who was leg-before for 43. These two batsmen had brought England's overnight score of 43 up to 87 before lunch in some very slow scoring. It appears that England have abandoned hopes of saving the match, which finishes tomorrow.

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STOP PRESS!

The cutter reached the scene at 9.10 a.m. HK time and reported no sign of the vessel or any survivors. The Campbell had radioed earlier tonight that it was speeding to an area where what might have been flares and lights were seen.

No Contact

After reaching the area the Campbell radioed: "No radar or visual contact with anything." The reporting of possible flares earlier tonight was the climax to a five-day air-surface search for the missing Danish vessel, which struck an iceberg last Friday, 37 miles off Cape Farewell on the southern tip of Greenland and radioed she was sinking fast. Search and rescue headquarters here, in announcing the last report from the Campbell, said a Royal Canadian Air Force converted Lancaster bomber was being readied for takeoff from Goose Bay, Labrador, to make a sweep over the area where the lights had been sighted by the cutter's crew.

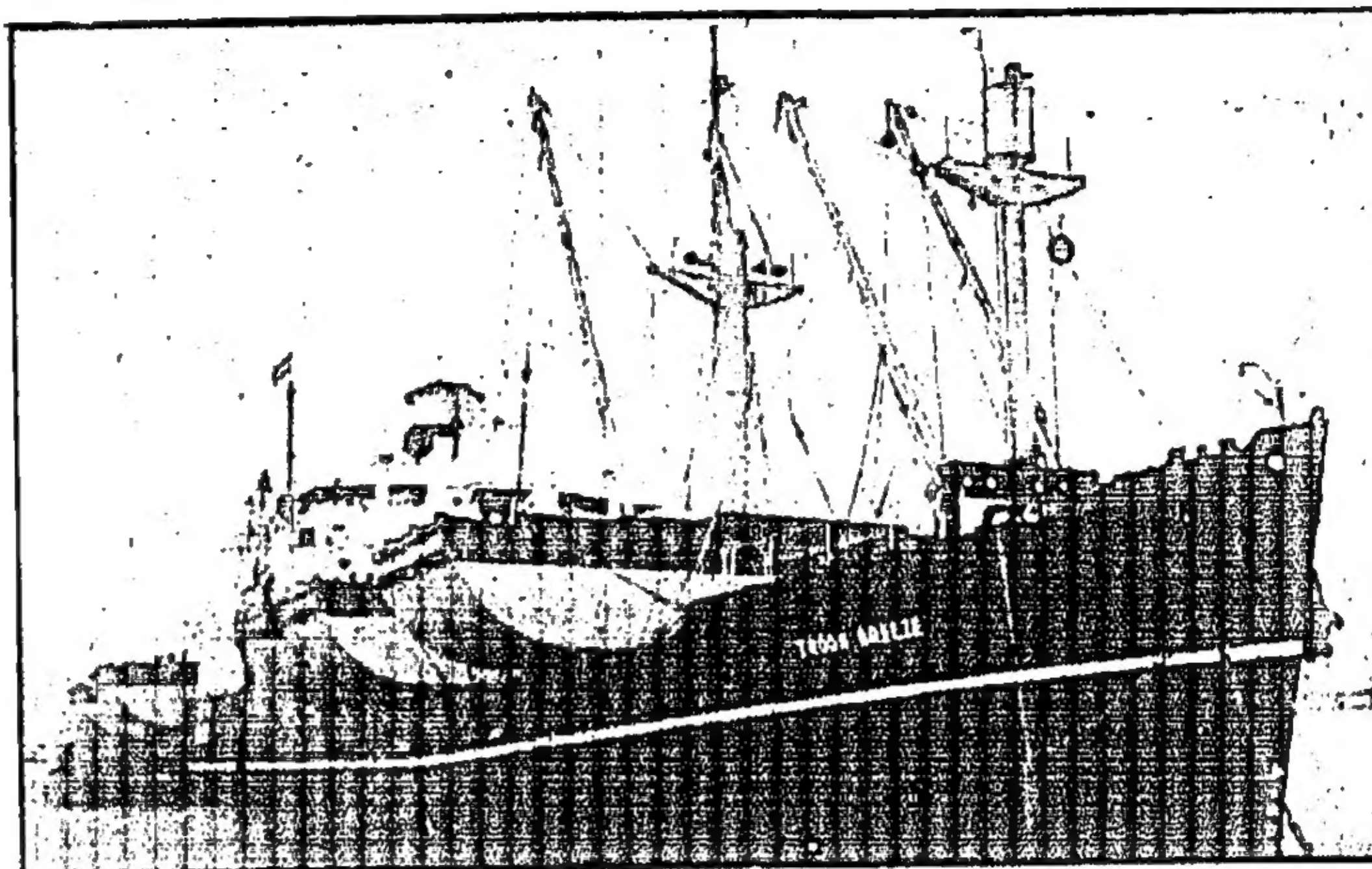
Freezing Rain

The Lancaster was expected to battle winds of up to 60 miles an hour and freezing rain in the four-hour flight from Goose Bay to the area where the lights were spotted, 60 miles southwest of Cape Farewell. Good weather broke today for the first time in the five-day search for the Hedtoft. It appeared almost certain all 95 persons aboard were lost, but the search was kept up anyway. Search planes and ships had battled mountainous seas, gale-force winds and snowfall during the first four days of the search. Today, the sun shone bright and clear, the winds died down to mere breezes and the sea was calm. But poor visibility and rising seas developed after the end of the short Arctic day, during which planes and ships took up the search for the Hedtoft with new vigour.—U.P.I.

Another Attempt By 'Small World'

London, Feb. 3.
The organizer of the "Small World" attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean by balloon said today another attempt may be made in December 1960. Arnold Elmont, whose "Small World" failed in its try to let air currents carry it from the Canary Islands to the Caribbean, and made most of the trip against after landing in mid-ocean, said the second try would be financed by a friend. He is Douglas Collins, Director of British Lion Film Company—France-Press.

Colony's Biggest Order



The first six Hongkong-made barges — part of a \$10,000,000 contract signed by the Port Cargo Corporation of Ceylon with the Pacific Islands Shipbuilding Company of Hongkong Ltd — were shipped off to Colombo on the ss Troon Breeze last Monday. The order, which is for 100 steel barges, is the largest single order for this type of vessel to be placed in the Colony. Finalised in December last year the remainder of the barges are expected to be shipped to Colombo by September this year.

Murder Trial:

MAN TELLS OF HIS PART IN ROBBERY

A 29-year-old tailor this morning told the Criminal Sessions how he became involved in a robbery during which a woman was killed.

The tailor, Kwon Cheung-lai, was giving evidence before a jury in a case in which he and another man Yu Ming-shing, 30, are accused of having murdered a woman Yu Wan on September 15, last year. He told the court that a month before the incident Yu Ming-shing invited him to a tea-house and told him about a plan to rob a rich Chinese who came from abroad and had \$100,000.

Loan Refused

"Yu, the second accused, told me that the man had refused to lend him money" and that he had a plan to rob him," Kwan said. "But I refused. A few days later I met Yu again at the tea-house. He was accompanied by another man named Ah Chan. Both of them convinced me to participate in the plan and on the assumption that I would act only as a look-out, I accepted. "I would have refused if I had known that violence was to be used. "When I saw that they were going to bring a pair of scissors I told the second accused: 'Be frank, if violence is needed I will not participate.' But the second accused said: 'No, the scissors are only to threaten and to frighten the people.'"

I Was Afraid

"So, on September 15, we left the tea-house and went to 10 Kai Shiu Road, second floor. "Yu, the second accused, entered the premises first. Then Ah Chan rang the bell and Yu, the second accused, opened the door from inside. Ah Chan pushed me in with his body for I was afraid. (Contd. on Back Page, Col. 4)

Chest Trouble Cases Pile Up In Britain

London, Feb. 3.
Hospitals in the London area were told today to admit only emergency cases because of the pressure of pneumonia, influenza and bronchitis cases.

The warning was issued by the city's Emergency Medical Services, which find hospital beds for urgent cases from all over London when their local hospital is full.

COLD WEATHER

"We are handling about 1,700 emergencies a week now, many of them elderly patients, compared with about 800 a week in the summer," a spokesman for the Service said.

"But there are always a lot of chest and flu cases at this time of the year and we don't blame the rise in last week's fog. The cold weather is having a bad effect on older people." In Glasgow and Edinburgh, which had been smog-bound for the past three days, emergency supplies of oxygen were being delivered to hospitals today for patients with chest trouble.—Reuter.

Vaccination For All Travellers From Macao

Travellers between Macao and Hongkong now require smallpox vaccination. They are not allowed to land if they are not in possession of valid certificates.

It was learned today that if any traveller to Hongkong from the Portuguese territory does not have a certificate, he or she will be vaccinated on board.

These precautions have been taken because of a smallpox epidemic which is reported raging north of Macao.

150 Have Died

At the beginning of this month a report from Macao said that more than 150 children had died in the last few days in a smallpox epidemic which was sweeping a village in Changshan, just north of Macao. United Press International report that the epidemic is now spreading to Chuhol County.

An old woman refugee from Sengik Village in Chuhol now in Macao told United Press International that the epidemic had hit the village commune nursery and affected more than 60 children.

She said two of her grandsons had died in the epidemic. She blamed poor sanitary conditions in the communes for the rapid spread of the disease.

MACMILLAN & MOSCOW

London, Feb. 4.
There was a strong belief in political quarters here early today that a Parliamentary announcement was impending of a visit by Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, to Moscow. No confirmation, however, was available from any official source.—Reuter.

BRITISH MINISTER BOOED

Cambridge, Feb. 4.
Some Cambridge undergraduates hissed and shouted down a junior Government Minister during a Cambridge Union Society debate on Cyprus last night.

Mr Julian Amery, Under-Secretary of State at the Colonial Office, was supporting the motion that "this house approves Her Majesty's Government's handling of affairs in Cyprus."

Mr Amery accused Mr Fenner Brockway (a Labour Member of Parliament) and his supporters of making speeches which "served the interests of the Cyprus terrorists."

He declared, "They share in the guilt for the loss of life in places like Kenya, Malaya and Cyprus."

Mr Amery had to shout to make his remarks heard above the hissing at this stage.—Reuter.

Washington Visit

Washington, Feb. 3.
The President of Ireland, Mr Sean T. O'Kelly, will arrive in Washington on St Patrick's Day, March 17, to begin a ten-day visit to the United States, the White House announced today.—Reuter.

There Were No Complaints!

Nantes, Feb. 3.
The curtain fell not a second too soon for scantily-clad operetta singer Rita Capri here last night, when the bottom half of her bikini fell to her ankles as she took a high note in the final chorus. The baritone swept up the panties with a gallant gesture and returned them to his partner.

For an instant she hesitated, briefs in hand, then flung them into the wings. The audience roared with laughter as the curtain dropped several minutes before time. There were no complaints, the management reported.—Reuter.



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Pool Winner Only Wants To 'Regain Sight'

London, Feb. 3.
A PARTIALLY blind old age pensioner, who shared a £300,684 football pool's win today, said he hoped to use his money to help regain his sight.

But pensioner William Stranaghan said he "was not worried about the money" his partner, Irish railroad worker

James Gault won when he changed his mind at the last minute and chose number thirteen.

"All I want is my sight back," said 68-year-old Stranaghan. "If I could use the money to enable me to see again, I would." "Lucky Jim" Gault, who supplemented his £10-a-week railroad job by driving a taxi-

cab part time, was still confused when he arrived at London airport. "For goodness sake, I still think I am dreaming."

Gault and Stranaghan won with the 13th line of a complicated 30-line "permutation" which cost the partners ten shillings a week. The first thing Gault did when he heard he'd won was to telephone his wife, who is visit-

ing in New Zealand. The second thing was quit his job.

In order to send his wife to Australia for her visit, Gault had taken a part-time job as a taxi-driver to fatten his railroad paycheque. He said he thought now he'd fly to New Zealand to pick up his wife and when they return he plans to buy a bungalow and possibly a farm.—U.P.I.

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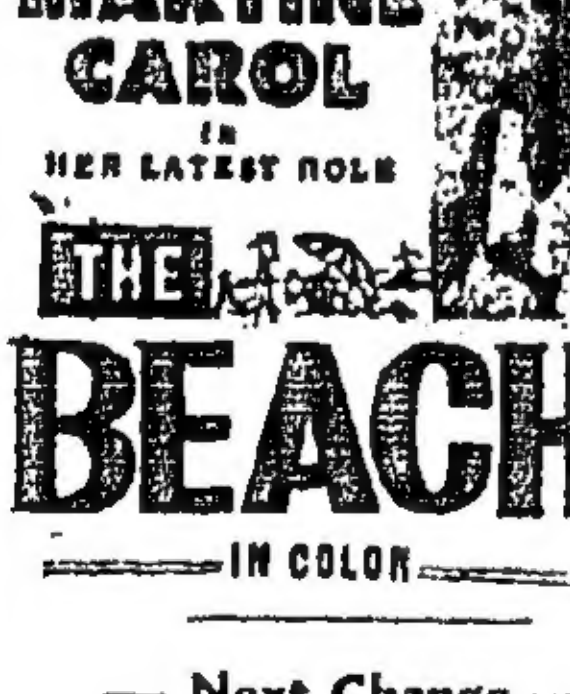
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SUEZ CAMPAIGN COST BRITAIN £25m

London, Feb. 3. Britain's brief war against Nasser's Egypt cost taxpayers about £25 million.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Derick Heathcoat Amory, told Parliament this today.

He was replying to a Labour member, Mr. Arthur Lewis, who had asked for the "total estimated cost of the recent Suez war."

Mr. Lewis said the cost should take into account:

★ The actual cost of military operations.

★ The loss of British arms and equipment at the Suez base.

★ The loss of the Suez Canal and the estimated loss to British trade to date due to the severance of trade with Egypt.

Mr. Amory replied:

Base £60m

"The net extra expenditure incurred by the service departments on special measures taken in connection with the Suez Emergency was estimated in their appropriation accounts as some £25 million."

Mr. Amory added: "The value of the Suez base installations and the stores contained in it was estimated at about £60 million though this was in no sense a realisable value in conditions of a forced sale."

"It is not possible to draw up any balance sheet of the cost of the Suez operations to the United Kingdom in the absence of knowledge of what would otherwise have happened."

— Reuter.

DOUBLE EXPOSURE WILL END DEBATE

Serving as a laboratory specimen in order to settle an old American debate is Trans World Airlines' hostess Sally Dorr.

She hopes to determine whether it is California or Florida that offers tourists the brightest winter sunshine.

She will expose the right side of her anatomy for four hours under the San Francisco sun, then will fly to Florida to expose equally her left half.

Neutral dermatologists will compare exposures to determine which state produces the best suntan.



ICBM BLEW SMOKE, BUT FAILED TO TAKE OFF

Cape Canaveral, Feb. 3. The second attempt to launch America's newest intercontinental ballistic missile, the Titan, ended in failure today.

Only a huge cloud of grey smoke emerged when the weapon's first stage was ignited. It was shut down eight seconds later, the 80-foot Titan is still quaking on its launching pad.

The cutoff appeared similar to the first launching attempt which failed on December 20. But the 80-foot Titan, potentially America's most powerful war rocket, with a range of 6,000 miles, did not appear to be damaged.

The Air Force said that "shortly after ignition a malfunction occurred, causing the engine to be automatically cut off while the missile was still on the launching pad."

"Cause of the malfunction is not available," the Air Force said.—U.P.I.

TV TIGER CUBS DIE IN ZOO

Dublin, Feb. 3. Three tiger cubs, adopted by two cello dogs after being abandoned by their mother, died in the Dublin zoo on Sunday night from feline enteritis, the zoo announced today.

The cubs were estimated to have been seen by about 40,000,000 people on British television and Eurovision after the story of their mother, Arja, had been told in the newspapers.

Zoo keepers fed them by hand until the two "foster mother" dogs were found in a national appeal.

The three-month-old cubs were worth £500. A fourth cub died last week.—China Mail Special.

ZOO COSTS

London, Feb. 3. Chi-Chi, the giant panda at London Zoo, worth £12,000, is the most valuable of the zoo's 2,917 exhibits, which are worth about £100,000, according to the zoo's annual stocktaking figures.

Lowest valued, at December 31, were the minnows, worth one shilling each.

Chi-Chi, two years old and weighing 100 pounds, came from Frankfurt last September and is one of only four giant pandas in captivity.

Rhinos

Next most valuable animals at the zoo are two white rhinos, worth £4,000 each, a gorilla, two hippos and a black rhino, each valued at £1,500.

On stocktaking day there were 738 mammals, comprising 203 species, worth a total of £78,000. Least valuable were guinea pigs at five shillings each.

There were 671 species of birds, 169 of reptiles and amphibians, and 299 species in the aquarium.—Reuter.

Communism On Defensive In Southeast Asia, Says Time

New York, Feb. 3.

"Communism instead of being triumphantly on the march, is on the defensive in Southeast Asia," Time magazine reported in its latest issue, released today.

It gave the following country-by-country appraisal:

★ **BURMA:** "Three months after able General Ne Win took over the premiership and dismissed the Parliament, the capital city of Rangoon seems a different place. Night trains are running from Rangoon to Mandalay for the first time in ten years, attesting greater security in the countryside."

"Virtually every known Communist agent and subversive has been jailed. Hordes of corrupt, bribe-taking political hacks have been replaced by army officers. Burma's greatest problem results from the thousands of Chinese fleeing across its borders to escape the iron grip of the people's communes."

★ **THAILAND:** "The open seizure of power of Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat last October has had in Thailand much the same revivifying effect as Ne Win's takeover in Burma. Few Thais seem disturbed by Sarit's end of the Parliamentary regime."

★ **SOUTH VIETNAM:** "Under President Ngo Dinh Diem, Vietnam remains staunchly anti-Communist. Vietnam securely under the control of the president and his family. South Vietnam must be scored a pro-Western country with authoritarian overtones."

★ **CAMBODIA:** "Still the most neutral of all Southeast Asian nations, Cambodia accepts aid missions from the US, Russia, China and France. Its leader, Prince Sihanouk, is involved in continual quarrels with his ancient rivals and neighbours, Thailand and South Vietnam. Cambodia must be regarded as uncertain; but the barometer is currently set fair."

★ **INDONESIA:** "President Sukarno may be an inept administrator but he has a keen ear and eye for the political currents that sweep Southeast Asia."

"His comment 'Parliamentary democracy doesn't work in this part of the world' has been justified by the events that have sent generally corrupt parliaments packing from Pakistan to Thailand. But Sukarno's erratic guidance of his island nation of 85 million people has brought it dangerously near bankruptcy and disaster. A right-wing, reactionary, opportunist, but persistent, threatens the nation's resources of oil and rubber. Indonesia is even more dangerously threatened by a Com-

munist party that is the largest in Asia outside of China. "But the personal magnetism of Sukarno, the political leadership of Premier Djarda, and the surprisingly competent and anti-Communist Army under General Hatis Nasution have so far kept the nation a full step ahead of anarchy."

★ **MALAYA:** "The only that still operates as a parliamentary democracy, Malaya is also one of the most solidly based. "It has an able leader, the Moslem Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman, who was able to lift emergency restrictions in the state of Negri Sembilan last week and has now cleaned up 80 per cent of the country as the 11-year war against Communist guerrillas in the jungle sputters off into insignificance." —U.P.I.

U.S. Considering Arms Request

Washington, Feb. 3.

The United States is considering an Indonesian request for purchase of about \$10 million worth of light military equipment, diplomatic sources said today.

The sources said no decision had yet been reached.—Reuter.

Stimulant

London, Feb. 3.

The Defence Minister, Mr. Duncan Sandys, said tonight he thought the shock of what happened in Iraq had been a stimulant to other members of the Baghdad Pact to work more closely together.

The minister was answering questions at London airport on his return from a meeting of the Baghdad Pact in Kasesch.—Reuter.

Loads Of Money

London, Feb. 3. For years the people of Southampton pined for Frederick Harding as he walked from his home in South East Road to his newspaper pitch near Woolston Ferry.

They nicknamed him Dolly, for his clothes were in tatters, his trousers often kept up with safety pins and he usually had several days' growth on his chin.

It was said that he slept only about four and a half hours a night and spent the rest in work. In sorrow people frequently told him to keep the change, for he looked like a man in the last stages of poverty.

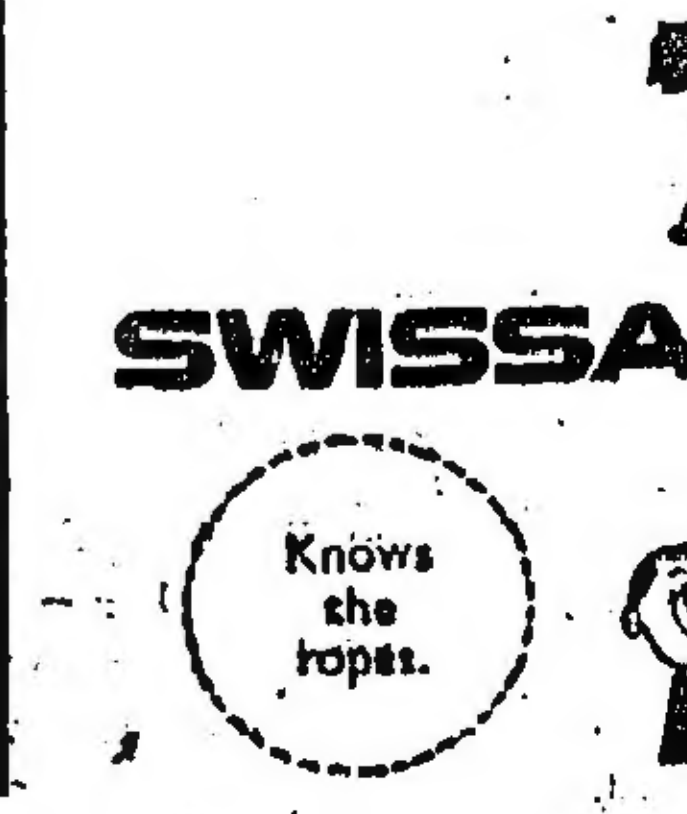
Last week it was revealed that police had forced their way into the house and found him unconscious.

And all around him were piles of money—his takings during the years as a newspaper seller. The house was full of money. It almost filled a bulker's lorry which took it to the bank while Frederick was taken to hospital.—London Express Service.

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Secretary Of State Leaves For Talks NO WAR OVER BERLIN —DULLES

BIG BEN SOON A HUNDRED YEARS OLD

London, Feb. 3. The Government is considering how the centenary of Big Ben, whose chimes from the clock tower of the British Houses of Parliament are heard by radio all over the world, can be suitably commemorated.

Mr. Harman Nicholls, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works, told a questioner in the Commons today that he understood the clock mechanism first came into regular use on May 31, 1859.

The bell itself, to which the term "Big Ben" was usually held to refer, came into use on July 11 in that year.

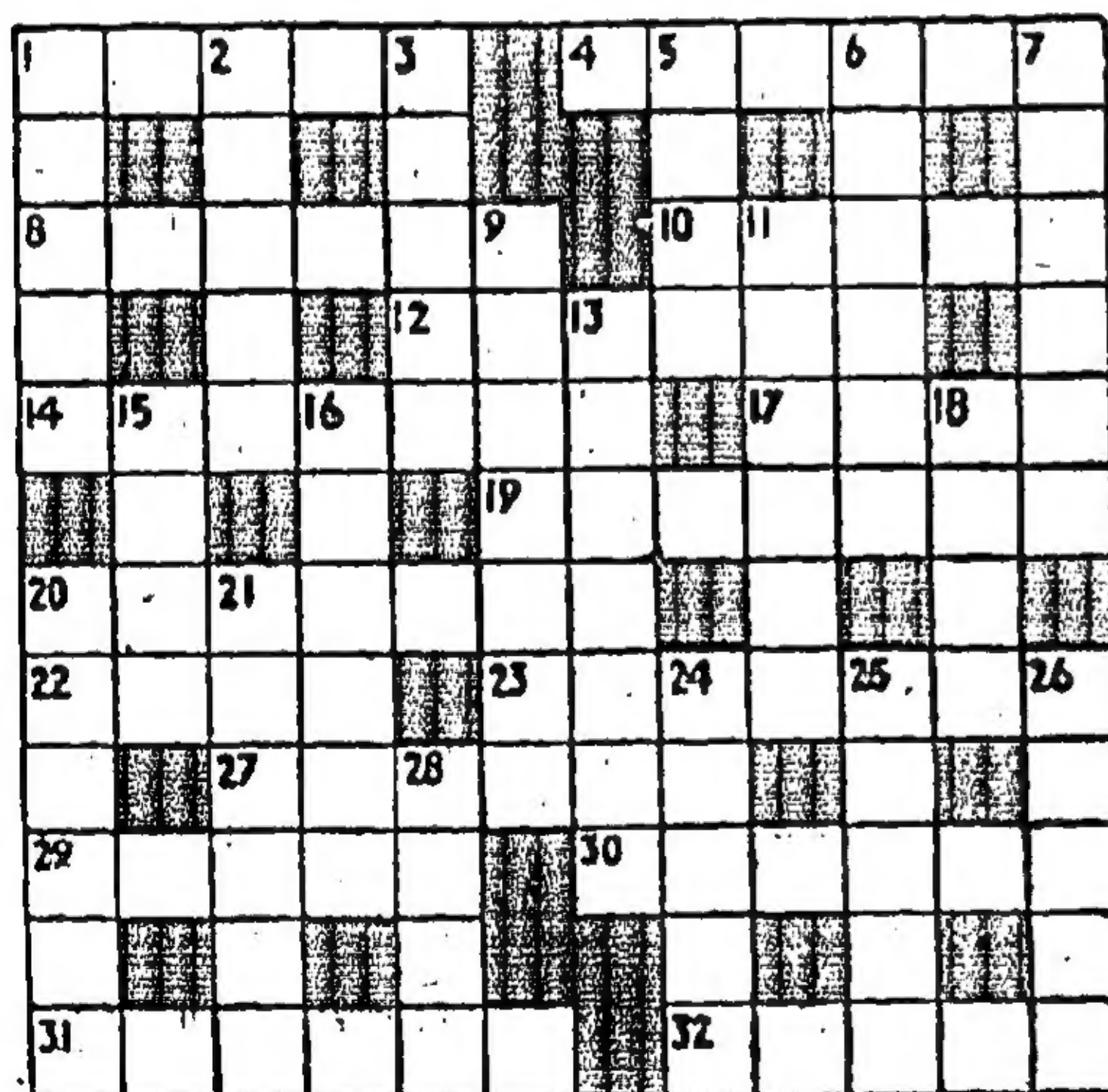
Celebration

He said he was consulting the authorities on what form the commemoration may take. Mr. James Griffiths (Labour) asked: "Would it not be appropriate for Big Ben to ring out the old government and ring in a new one?" Amid laughter, Mr. Nicholls replied: "That would not be in accordance with its reputation of giving confidence to the world."—U.P.I.

Banker Alleged In Syndicate

Toronto, Feb. 3. The Attorney General, Mr. K. R. Roberts, charged today that a South American bank president was one of the top men in an international syndicate that has specialised in marketing securities stolen in several multi-million dollar burglaries in Canada. Mr. Roberts did not identify the bank president, but he said information on the syndicate was being distributed to law enforcement agencies throughout the world.—U.P.I.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Walk cockily (5).
 - Make a dash for it (6).
 - Disclose (6).
 - Sky hunter (5).
 - Military nuclei (4).
 - Go ahead? (7).
 - Seer becomes withered (4).
 - Old girl — or some lad (7).
 - Suitable tool for a bridge-builder? (7).
 - Girl (4).
 - Black road (7).
 - Black Sea port (6).
 - Ordeal (by jury?) (5).
 - Speech showing that I am in commerce (6).
 - Excessively affectionate (6).
 - Jump at the sound of the gun maybe (5).
- DOWN**
- A fight? Not much of one (5).
 - Stage show which sounds like a military one (5).
 - Truck down some harness (5).
 - Always with us, we're told (4).
 - Flags in gardens (6).
 - Making one could certainly be boring work (6).
 - Climbing aids (7).
 - Holiday place to go to (6).
 - You're really most expensive, ducks! (7).
 - Not green, as a rule (4).
 - Denim in doubt as to feminine ability? (3).
 - Educate back (4).
 - How a roof may be abused (6).
 - Consecrate (6).
 - Silas could make them (5).
 - City of Nebraska (5).
 - Something that happens at the meeting, of course (5).
 - Impetuously in some languages (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Harangue, 8 Loot, 9 Fair-ways, 11 Diederich, 13 Pets, 16 Bivouacs, 18 Earnings, 19 Stag, 21 Peerless, 25 Reporter, 26 Prim, 27 Brand-is-H. Down: 1 Pled, 2 To-me, 4 Afar, 5 Alas, 6 Grease, 7 Excess, 9 Fable, 11 Idler, 12 Idol, 14 Tugue, 15 Vail, 17 Snare, 19 Scrub, 20 Alpha, 21 Prod, 22 Eels, 23 Ruts, 24 Saps.

Washington, Feb. 3. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, flying to Europe for urgent talks, said today there would not be any war over Berlin as far as United States was concerned, "but I can't tell what the Russians have in mind."

Mr. Dulles made his statement to reporters at the airport after he conferred with President Eisenhower for more than an hour at the White House.

In a special statement issued at the White House, he emphasized that his talks with the British, French and German leaders in London, Paris and Bonn would be aimed at solidifying the West against Russian threats against Berlin.

He said he also expected to explore the possibility of Big Four talks by the United States, Russia, Britain and France on settlement of the Berlin situation and the reunification of Germany.

The Secretary said that he hoped that "some long over-



Mr. Dulles
Special statement

due" progress could be made toward solving these problems.

Speaking to reporters at the airport before leaving on a special Air Force plane, Mr. Dulles was asked if he thought the Berlin situation would lead to war.

No Differences

"I don't like to talk in terms of war," he replied. "As far as we are concerned there is not going to be a war. I can't tell

what the Russians have in mind."

The Secretary said there were "no great differences" between the Allies on how to deal with the Berlin and German situation. He recalled that he had a talk earlier with the French Ambassador, Herve Alphand, and said this disclosed no great disagreement.

In Moscow, yesterday the Soviet Premier, Mr. Khrushchev, told the West German Ambassador, Mr. Hans Kroll, that the Soviet Government did not oppose free elections throughout Germany, provided that the two German governments agreed directly on them.—U.P.I. & France Press.

Maori Snubbed In Hotel

Auckland, Feb. 3. Dr. H. R. Bennett, brother of the New Zealand ambassador to Malaysia, claimed today he had been refused a drink in the Papakura Hotel, 20 miles south of here, because he is a Maori.

Dr. Bennett told the New Zealand Herald that apart from the embarrassment caused to his European wife and himself there was a principle involved.

"If we are going to tell the world Maoris have equality in New Zealand, this sort of thing is untenable," he said.

Dr. Bennett said this was the first time he had ever been refused a drink in New Zealand. Sir Ernest Davis, chairman of the company owning the hotel who is to meet Dr. Bennett tomorrow to discuss the incident, said: "I won't countenance this for quarter of a minute."

"I went to school with Dr. Bennett's father. I shall put a stop to this,"—China Mail Special.



Anne Beer of Ruislip relaxes in what is claimed to be the most comfortable — and most expensive — easy chair in the London Furniture Exhibition. The exhibition opened at Earls Court on January 28. The chair which has been designed in America costs about £150.—Reuterphoto.

Italian President Rejects Government's Resignation

Rome, Feb. 3. The President of the Italian Republic tonight rejected the resignation of Signor Amintore Fanfani's coalition government, which collapsed eight days ago.

President Giovanni Gronchi said his consultations with political leaders had indicated no clear alternative. He requested Signor Fanfani, who meanwhile had resigned from leadership of the big Christian Democratic Party, to go before Parliament with his Government for a vote of confidence.

First reactions in the Christian Democratic Party were that Signor Fanfani would insist on his government's resignation and would decline to go before Parliament. President Gronchi made his decision after a tense day of negotiations with the Christian Democratic Party, which insisted that he should entrust the task of forming a new government to one of its nominees—Signor Antonio Segni, a former left or centre Premier, or Signor Guido Gonella, a former party secretary.

Deep Divisions

President Gronchi was believed to have wished to charge Signor Fernando Tambroni, for many years Homo

Minister and independent of any of the main currents in the Christian Democratic Party, with trying to set up a minority Christian Democratic Cabinet with a well-defined programme calculated to gain wide Parliamentary support. Signor Fanfani handed in his Government's resignation as a result of deep divisions within each of the two parties supporting it. The small Social Democratic Party was on the verge of splitting up, with its left wing demanding an immediate merger with the Nenni Socialists.

Defeats

The big Christian Democratic Party had failed to support the government on important votes in Parliament, exposing it to several defeats. On Saturday Signor Fanfani followed up his Government's resignation by withdrawing from leadership of the Christian Democrats. He said his gesture was intended to remove obstacles to the effort to achieve party unity.—Reuter.

School Integration Survives Second Day

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 3. The second day of school integration in Virginia, once the centre of massive resistance, went off without incident today.

But police were again on duty at the six public schools in Norfolk and at Stratford Junior High in Arlington, a Washington suburb. The four Negroes in Arlington who attended classes with whites yesterday for the first time in Virginia's history, were in school again today. At Norfolk, 17 Negroes enrolled and assigned to classes yesterday, began studies today.

Parents' Fear
Mr. J. J. Brewbaker, superintendent at the big Northview High School here said he expected school enrolments to improve later, although they might not reach the former level.

Many parents did not want to register their children on the first day because they feared disorders, he said. In Little Rock, Arkansas, Federal Judge John Miller today denied the local school board permission to reopen its four closed High Schools on a segregated basis for the remainder of the school year.—Reuter.

Investigation

The magistrate, Marcel Sacotte, announced the new indictment at the end of another full day of the high-pressure investigation which he began a week ago today. Others charged earlier were a former National Assembly



Andre Le Troquer
Charged

president, Andre Le Troquer, 74, his friend, the White Russian Countess Elizabeth de Finaeff, the well-known women's hairdresser, Guillaume Guillemlé, and Jean Jester, a 32-year-old department store director.

In addition, former Police Inspector Pierre Sorlot, alleged to have been the organizer of the rose ballets, was gaoled on a charge of inciting minors to debauchery.

M. Sacotte told newsmen he expected at least 15 prominent Parisians to be charged in the course of his investigation.

In the meantime, Blanchet and the other big names involved were granted provisional liberty pending eventual trial.—U.P.I.

Earth Speeding Up, Says Atomic Clock

London, Feb. 3. An atomic clock in Britain has indicated that in the rotation of the earth, which has been slowing down for several years, is speeding up again, the House of Commons was told today.

A member had asked to what extent research at the National Physical Laboratory had shown that the earth was rotating irregularly.

Mr. Harman Nicholls, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works, said measurements to an accuracy of one second in three hundred years had been carried out at the laboratory on the atomic clock.

Summer Shorter
These, when compared with astronomical measurements of time, showed that the earth turned "slightly faster during our summer and slightly slower during our winter."

Bail For Doctor

London, Feb. 3. Dr. Peter Gray, senior consultant anaesthetist at a London suburban hospital, sent for trial last week on a charge of unlawfully killing a two-year-old boy, was today granted bail pending the hearing of his case. The prosecution had alleged that the 36-year-old doctor, during an operation on a child for hernia, deliberately inhaled the anaesthetic and became incapable of performing his duties properly with the result that the child died.—Chips Mail Special.

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BOOKINGS AT MOUTRIES

Heart Attack: Then Sent 200 Miles

KENNETH'S FATHER PLEADED FOR AMBULANCE

London, Feb. 3. A hospital sent this three-year-old boy with a hole in his heart on a 200-mile journey last week only minutes after he had suffered a heart attack.

Young Kenneth Handley had the attack as his father was dressing him in the children's ward in Sheffield City Hospital. They were preparing to travel to another hospital in Uxbridge, Middlesex. Nurses had to give Kenneth oxygen. Kenneth's father, 29-year-old Kenneth Handley, protested that his son was unfit for the journey.

He asked in vain for an ambulance. A doctor told him that delay might mean a wait of months for a bed to be found for Kenneth at Uxbridge.

Missed Express

Kenneth and his mother, 30-year-old Mrs. Lily Handley, missed the express train



London. She had to nurse her son in the corridor of a slow train to Doncaster before they caught another express.

They went by Underground across London, then took a bus which dropped them half-a-mile from Harfield Hospital, Uxbridge.

going to see my M.P. about this."

He said a hospital spokesman: "It was vitally important that the child be taken to Uxbridge as quickly as possible, and it often takes several days to get an ambulance. A doctor confirmed the child was fit to travel."—Express Service.

The Q.C. who wasn't satisfied...

Awards — And Inkpots

NOW when it comes round to New Year and the Monarch's Birthday, there is a considerable flutter in the Civil Service dovecot, also in such circles which contain citizens prominent in public life.

The ages do not alter human nature, and I wish to tell the story of the occasion which followed the circumstances of my last instalment which told of the soldiers being awarded plates, cups, and memorial tablets as a reward for helping to stamp out the plague of 1894.

I wish now to tell the sad story of one John J. Francis, Q.C., sometime leader of the Bar in Hongkong, and Chairman of the Sanitary Board of Hongkong during the terrible plague of 1894.

Unfortunately, we have no detailed account of Mr. Francis's work so ably performed during this period.

This much is certain: he would carry out the instructions of the medical section which published such drastic requirements as the knocking down of vermin-ridden houses, and the destruction of that thieves' kitchen, Taipingshan.

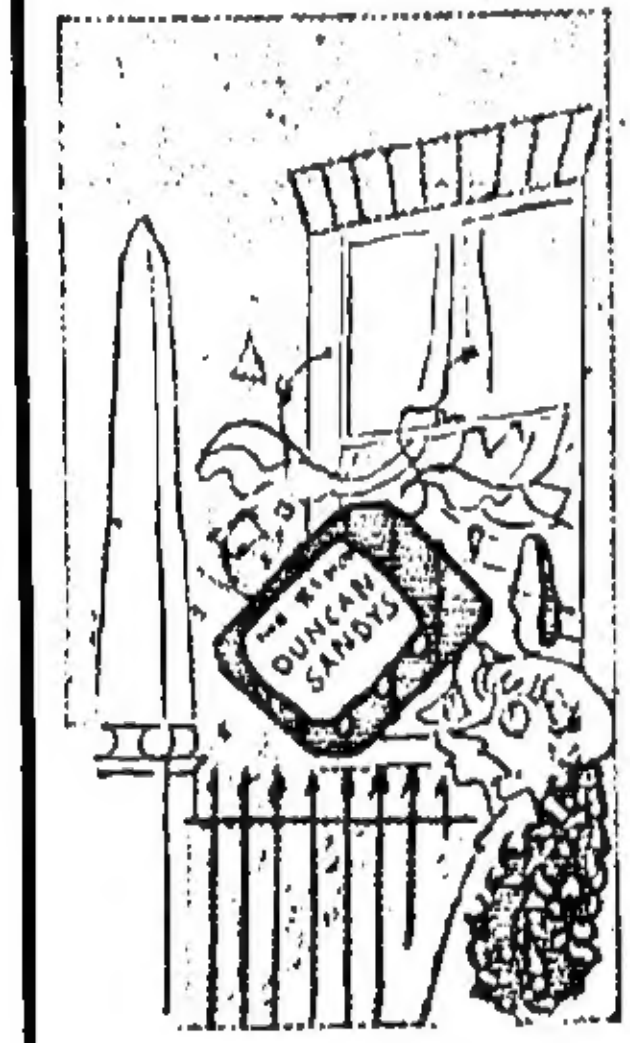
Not of course, that a Q.C. like Mr. Francis would start knocking about buildings on his own, but as chairman of that considerable committee, he would pass the can to the Army, and in the end, the P.B.I. would do the actual wrecking.

We have seen a meeting called. No doubt Mr. Francis heartily approved the award of gold medals and plate; and doubtless his legally modulated 'hear, hear' punctuated the meeting.

Then there was an uneasy period while such recommendations approved by the Governor were considered by the Secretary of State.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"You were quite right, darling—this is the Guards Club."

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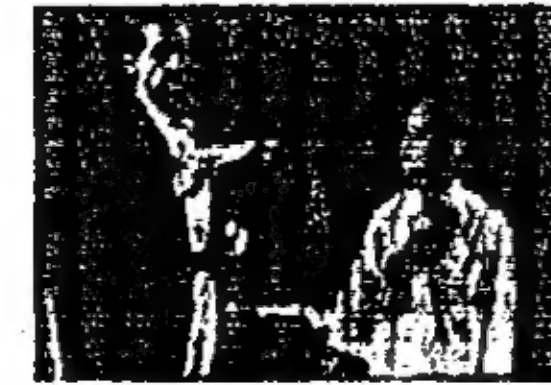
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COMMENCING TO-MORROW
at KING'S-PRINCESS

By

JOHN LUFF

ed in stamping out the plague, John J. Francis continued—

"These are the simple facts of the case, perfectly well known to every resident in the Colony, perfectly well known to your Excellency from the interviews and correspondence with me as Chairman, perfectly well known to your Colonial Secretary who, for the first month was present at every meeting of the Committee."

"These are the facts that Mr. Ackroyd, (Acting Chief Justice) in his letter did not think it necessary to refer to in detail."

"It was left to your Excellency, as Her Majesty's representative, to bring the facts prominently to the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

at. No doubt he liked the letter, but he didn't like the inkpot. As an inkpot, it was doubtless a fine bit of work, as inkpots went in those days. No doubt it had one of those eagles scratching itself under the wings, the whole thing finished off in silver gilt. It probably held about a gallon of ink and weighed a ton. But as I am the first to acknowledge, a very poor substitute for a Knighthood.

Mr. John J. Francis, Q.C., being legally trained, did not make the mistake we silly laymen would make in similar circumstances. We poor fish would have pounced on pen and paper, and written in such terms that we should have been languishing in Victoria Gaol along with such professional writers as the editors of the Hongkong papers.

No, John allowed it to turn over in his mind for a few days, and then, expressed in beautiful terms, he told the Hongkong Government just what it could do with its inkwell.

Five days he waited, and then on May 27, 1895, Sir William Robinson, Governor of Hongkong, received the following epistle.

"The Committee considers that to Mr. Francis their best thanks are due for all his exertions and the time he devoted to the wants of the Colony for so many weeks."

"As Chairman of the Permanent Committee, Mr. Francis had a heavy, troublesome, and laborious task to perform, and throughout the duration of the epidemic he was unremitting in his devotion to his duty and gave up a great proportion of his time, no doubt to the detriment of his extensive practice, to carry out the work he had voluntarily undertaken."

"Your Excellency is too well acquainted with Mr. Francis's services for need for any further mention. Our Committee decided that his actions are deserving of the fullest recognition, that the best thanks of the community, with a gold medal, should be tendered to him, and that his valuable services and useful work should be brought through Your Excellency to the special notice of the Secretary of State."

Well, if you want to speak on your own behalf, write in the third person. However, after reviewing the part he had played

"These are the facts on which the Committee felt justified in recommending me to Her Majesty's Government for some recognition, or reward for my services, of a class and character higher than they could give. They felt that a medal or a piece of plate, however valuable, was not sufficient acknowledgment for such services."

"I am sure your Excellency will feel with me that it is impossible for me, under such circumstances, to accept the inkstand you have sent me and which I now beg most respectfully to return."

"Will you say to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, when forwarding to him this letter, of which I furnish you three copies for transmission, that I am perfectly satisfied with the thanks of the community conveyed to me by their Committee and with the recorded opinion, as contained in their minutes of December 3rd, 1894."

Mr. John J. Francis continues in this strain for quite a bit, then comes to the point—

"I am not ashamed to say that I should have been highly gratified if Her Majesty had thought fit to honour me as my friend and colleague, Mr. May, has been so deservedly honoured; but the gift of a silver inkstand from the Government of Hongkong is, if your Excellency will pardon the expression, ludicrously inadequate to the services rendered, even to the mere time expended by me in working on the Permanent Committee, that I can only come to one conclusion and that is, that the Marquess of Ripon has, in some strange fashion, been left under the impression that I was Secretary to the Permanent Committee, and not, from force of circumstances and because of the necessary division of labour between us, its brain and motive power."

For the life of me, I have no idea why the Hongkong Government tried to settle with John J. Francis, Q.C. with the gift of an inkstand. Neither, unfortunately, have we any record of what Sir William Robinson did with the inkstand when it was left on his hands.

Mr. May, referred to in Mr. Francis's letter to the Governor, received the C.M.G. for his services during the plague. Following the old Hongkong custom of that time, gave a copy of his letter to the press. Even the cynics who sat at the editorial desks of yesterday realised they were handling something hot, but finding it such excellent copy, reproduced it in whole or part. It caused a profound sensation in Hongkong, and had repercussions from London to Japan. The press from Bangkok to Tokyo seized upon it, and took sides with the Hongkong Government or with Mr. Francis, according to their views of the situation.

It is always irritating not to know the whys and wherefores of an ancient scandal. It is very evident that John J. Francis was not of that breed which plays 'not for the sake of a ribboned coat', yet at the same time you have to ask why the Hongkong Government thought a silver inkstand adequate recognition. To have given nothing would have been better. But I have an idea it was a carefully schemed plan, and certainly John Francis, Q.C., was terribly annoyed, and put himself out of court with the above quoted letter.

The quarrelling about the plague did not end there. Government had taken over a lot of property and destroyed it. Now the bill came in. The owners asked so much, the Government offered about half. A Board of Arbitration raised Government in almost every case to a figure somewhere halfway that offered by Government and claimed by owners. I have a list of claimants and awards made but they make boring reading.

When all was settled, the Hongkong Telegraph stepped in with an article which concluded:—"Whether it has cost too much or not, we congratulate the ratepayers on the completion of the first step and the solution of the vexed question wrapped up in the fate of the 'Forbidden City.' (In this case meaning the more permanent rat-ridden hovels of Taipingshan)."

"These problems have been hovering over us for months past, and it is now to be hoped that the proper path has been chosen and that the demolition will begin as soon as possible, and, phoenix-like, purified by fire if necessary, and certainly with carbolic acid, cement flooring, proper ventilation and drains, Taipingshan will rise again as a useful adjunct of a great city."

That is the end of the story of the great plague of Hongkong, but the plague made subsequent appearances, the year 1899 being particularly bad.

But much had been learnt from the epidemic of 1894, and Government knew how to set about the matter.

Saturday:

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



THE CLOCK TOWER.

ROUND-UP

ALL IN A TWO-INCH TUBE

TWO-INCH tubes each carrying 2,000 telephone channels and two television links as future means of telecommunications is the idea of Professor H.E.M. Balow, Professor of electrical engineering, University College, London. Opening a convention on "Long distance transmission by waveguide" at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, he said the tube would carry electro-magnetic waves at frequencies of 50 thousand million cycles a second. This compared with present very high frequency radio waves used in broadcasting of 30 to 100 million cycles a second. A possible future system of telecommunications would use radio links for frequencies up to 20,000 million cycles with the help of cables, and tubular waveguides above this figure.

LAKE DISTRICT SKATING BY MOONLIGHT

BEST moonlight skating for ten years has been going on in the Lake District of Cumberland as a result of long spells of severe overnight frost. Hundreds of enthusiasts have been travelling nightly to smaller lakes and tarns, notably Rotherhoth, Tarn Howes, and Rydal Water and skating by moonlight and lights of car headlamps. Ice has been forming on 10½ miles long Windermere, England's longest lake which has not been frozen over since 1929.

SHIP WITHOUT FUNNEL

A SHIP without a funnel is being launched at a broadside at Willington Quay, Northumberland. The craft, a motor tug to be named Habbak, is one of two similar ships being built at the shipyard for fire-lighting and salvage work. Unusual features include a fire-lighting platform on supports 15 feet above the bridge.

SOWING SEED BY AIRCRAFT

FIFTY aircraft were used by British farmers last year for spraying and fertilising their fields. It is forecast by agricultural experts that in the near future aircraft will be also used for sowing seed. At first, it was stated at a Press Conference, the aircraft might be used in Britain for re-seeding hill pastures and for freighting. There was an idea for making pellets of clover seed and fertiliser and spreading them by air.

THOSE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

OLD folk in West Suffolk are being encouraged to tell their own stories of the "good old days." The County Association for Old People's Welfare is offering prizes to the three over-sixties who write the best essays on

"Youthful memories of my town or village." Later they will be read at an exhibition of old people's work to be held in Bury St Edmunds. A spokesman of the Association says, "We try to keep the old folk happily occupied in the winter months with all sorts of handicraft work. The one thing they really love to do is to recall the days of their childhood—and to tell the youngsters of today just how much they are missing."

FAMILY'S CORNET PLAYING TRADITION

CORNET-PLAYER Collin Bath, aged 14, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, fourth of a generation of family bandmen, is making a name for himself in brass band circles. Mr. Harry Mortimer, famous national conductor, is so impressed with the boy's ability that he has presented him with his own personal medal which he was awarded 45 years ago when he played his first cornet solo at a band festival. Collin's father, Tom, and 17-year-old brother Tony, are all members of the Berwick St John Band. The family has been associated with it for over a century.

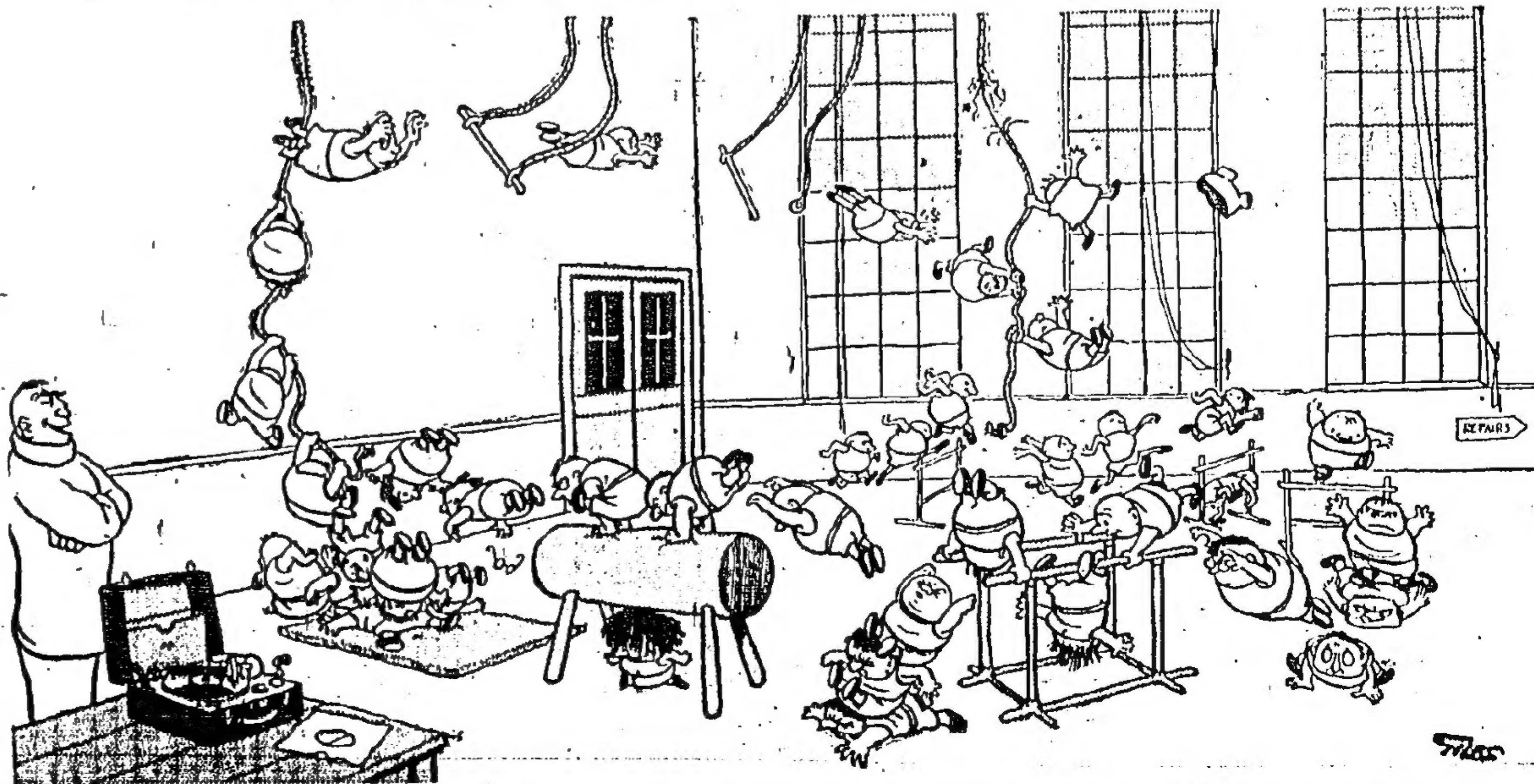
SQUIDS FOR EXPORT

SQUIDS, which for years have been thrown back into the sea by British fishermen, are now being exported. Big quantities are being sent regularly to Italy by a Grimsby firm. It started when the firm contacted an Italian fish merchant in Savona who asked if 5,000 kilos of quick frozen squids could be sent out. At first it was difficult to persuade the trawlermen not to throw the fish back. Finally they agreed. Now regular supplies are being landed at the port.

NEW REGIMENTAL COLOURS

DETAILS of the badge, colours, and other regimental emblems which have been agreed for use by the Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry, following amalgamation at the end of this year, are given in the current issue of "The Light Infantry Gazette," journal of the Somerset Light Infantry. The badge, incorporates a bugle, hanging from a crown, with a red backing. It will be worn as a collar badge—the Light Infantry badge being worn on the cap—and will appear on the colours and the regimental flag. The new colours will include a royal blue regimental colour and will bear the battle honours of both the combined regiments. The bugle calls of the 1st Battalions of both regiments have been combined in a new regimental call which has been submitted to the War Office for approval.

British schoolchildren are tending to become too fat, according to the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Education.



"An hour every day to the speed of Moto Perpetuo will take care of some of those extra pounds."

London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

LINE CAN BE BECOMING

By JEANNE D'ARCY

WOULDN'T it be nice if Mark Twain were right about wrinkles? He once observed that they should only indicate where smiles had been. But all too often this isn't the case.

Happy Crinkles

Smile wrinkles—happy crinkles around the eyes, relaxed lines about the lips—aren't a beauty drawback. Rather, we think they give the face a good-natured look.

Gracious wrinkles are something else again! They're no asset and this is for sure!

They show up across the forehead, where furrows form from constant frowning.

They appear as tight, deep lines caused by grimly-tightened lips.

They take shape in hard-looking grooves when eyes have

too often been narrowed in temper.

It proves that you can't keep your disposition a secret! The lines are there to show the world what you're really like.

Better keep this in mind, if you've got into the habit of throwing tantrums, losing your temper, blowing off steam.

Don't Do It

We all have cause to gripe and be cross now and again but, if you're doing it daily, better sit down and think things over. You're not only spoiling your appearance but your personality must be really poisonous if you rant, rave and complain continually.

If wrinkles are going to appear—and we all have them sooner or later, though creaming helps ward them off for a long while—make sure yours have a happy look. They will, too, if they show up where your smiles have been.



MAKE-UP helps cover eye-area lines. But they're no beauty problem if they're laugh crinkles, not temper wrinkles!

AN UNUSUAL DESSERT

"CANNED apple sauce and sliced pie apples can be made into delightful quick-and-easy desserts, Chef," I told him. "Both are good buys right now."

"In France, apple compote is a favorite," Madame," he replied. "It is always made from sliced peeled apples cooked in a light sugar syrup. But processed pie apples make a quick-and-easy compote in a third the time."

"Add a little more sugar—I like to use light brown sugar. Simmer ten minutes; then add 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Chill and serve plain, or with dairy sour cream or an ice cream topping."

Luxury Dish

"French homemakers often combine apples with dried rhubarb, fresh pears, plums or apricots when making apple compote. This is a good way to make a little fresh fruit turn plain processed apple compote into a luxury food."

"Sparkle the ingredients while cooking with a little grated lemon, lime or orange rind."

Tomorrow's Dinner

Cardinal Salad
Ham Divan
Tossed Noodles
Canned Carrots
Apple Sauce Meringue
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea and Milk.

All measurements are level; recipes proportioned to serve 4 to 6.

Ham Divan: Cook 1 lb. drained fresh broccoli or 1 pint frozen broccoli, until nearly done.

Arrange in the bottom of a shallow 3-pt. baking dish that can go to table. Over this place 8 slices baked or boiled smoked ham, or 2 1/2 c. ediments of baked ham. Spoon over quick-and-easy cheese sauce. Sprinkle with 1/2 c. tiny enriched buttered bread cubes.

Bake 25 min. in a hot oven, 400° F., or until lightly browned. If prepared in advance and refrigerated before baking, bake 35 min.

Serve with tossed noodles or starchy rice.

Quick-and-Easy Cheese Sauce: Melt 3 tbsp. butter or margarine.

Stir in 2 tbsp. flour, 2 tbsp. table mustard, 1/2 tsp. onion salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. grated sharp processed cheese. Stir in 1 1/2 c. undiluted evaporated milk. Cook-stir until the cheese melts and the sauce reaches boiling point.

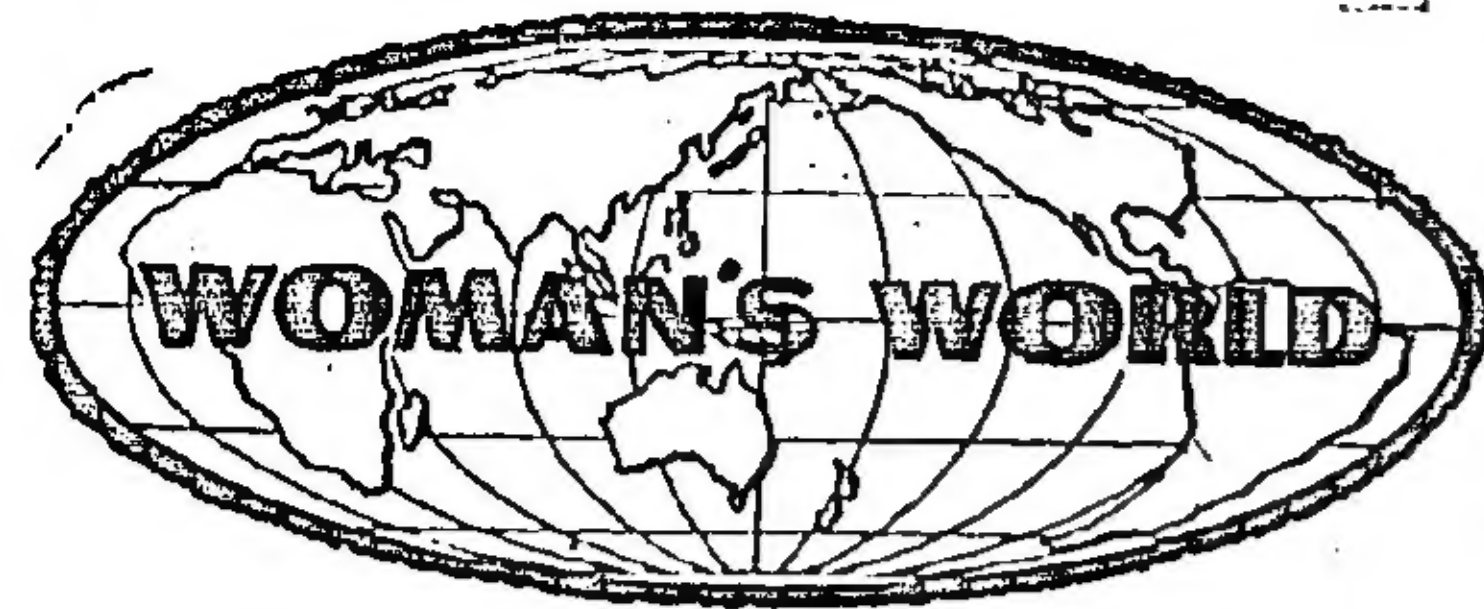
Cardinal Salad from the Chef

Combine 1 small head coarsely shredded cleaned crisp romaine, 2 heaping cups shredded lettuce, 6 sliced small red radishes, 2 shredded seeded green peppers, 1 c. thin half-slices cucumber and 4 medium-sized cooked or canned beets, cut in julienne. Toss with 2 tbsp. not-sweet French dressing.

Serve in nests of lettuce.

Pass 1/2 c. mayonnaise blended with 1/2 c. not-sweet French dressing and seasoned with 4 shakes Tabasco and 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire.

—IDA BAILEY ALLEN



THE NEWEST SHOES

QUEEN Elizabeth's shoemaker by Appointment, Edward Rayne, was in Paris recently to launch what he described as "a revolution in European women's footwear."

His visit coincided with the 1959 spring and summer fashion collections.

He called it "the Wedgewood Heel." The innovation features an unbreakable porcelain heel specially produced for Rayne at

the 150-year-old Midland pottery firm of Josiah Wedgewood.

The heels are patterned with the characteristic Wedgewood compass and are guaranteed unbreakable under a new patent process.

Rayne also showed his new shoe shape, The "Vignon Toe" which suggests a Lilliputian version of an inverted rowing boat.—Reuter.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BORN today, you are one of those quiet, reserved and self-contained individuals who goes about a job quietly, efficiently and with great determination. You make up your mind about something and then proceed to do it. No matter how long it takes or how much opposition you will eventually reach the goal set for yourself.

Actually, you have very deep emotions, but you keep them carefully in check that only those closest to you realize that deep fires are burning beneath a cool and controlled exterior. You have a tremendous capacity for work and will keep at a thing until it is accomplished. It is likely that you were born with what is called a one-track mind. Unless, later on in life, you broaden your outlook, you will easily become a specialist in one area of expression and yet remain quite ignorant in other fields.

Since you have a tremendous store of physical as well as nervous energy, you are able to concentrate on working hard. You must, however, guard against exhausting your physical reserves and working, as they say, "on your nerve." This can be done for a while, but there is bound to be a reaction unless you are a little more careful.

Although you do not have a romantic nature, you are loving and loyal. Your family will have to learn to take your great love for granted, since you are never demonstrative.

Among those born on this date are: Mark Hopkins, educator; Charles A. Lindbergh, pioneer aviator; Richard Boleslavsky, actor, producer and director; Joseph M. Carey, jurist and legislator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A fine day for employment matters. If seeking a new job, you are sure to find what you want.

PIES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Take the lead in a matter of importance to your future. Be definite and be firm.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Close a real estate deal to your distinct advantage. Make it conform to your needs, too.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Get a good start on a project which may take a long time to finish.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Concentrate on home duties today. You will find that there may be a great deal to be done.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A careful study of a serious subject may be needed before you can make a decision.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't go to the boss with your troubles today. Do your best to solve them yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't be discouraged if it looks like a long job. Plenty of time to finish it before the end of the month.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Not the time to take legal action on anything. Solve your problems out of court.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—A good day for business in general, so take full advantage of its prosperous aspects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—You can avoid any serious misunderstanding with your mate if you are honest now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Be cautious about what you spend your money for today. Be sure to get full value.

Both vulnerable.

North East South West

1 ♀ Pass 1 ♀ Pass

4 ♀ Pass 4 ♀ Pass

6 ♀ Pass 6 ♀ Pass

Pass Pass Pass Double

Opening lead—♠ A

had a heart left and was down one trick. Could I have made the hand?"

The answer is that he could have made the hand two different ways. The first way would be to cash the king of diamonds before starting trumps. This would risk a first round ruff, but would have been the best play.

The second way would be to play dummy's ace of diamonds, not a low diamond when he started that suit. Then he could play the jack of diamonds and let it ride. This play would work because East held three diamonds to the queen, but he would have looked mighty silly if West had shown up with queen and one diamond.

♥CARD SENSE♥

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1 ♀ 1 ♀ 1 ♀ Pass

1 N.T. Pass 2 ♀ Pass

You, South, hold:

♠ 4 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ A J 8 7 6

What do you do?

A—Pass. You still have a minimum hand and your hearts are misplaced.

TODAY'S QUESTION

West bids two hearts and it is passed around to you. What do you do, now?

Answer tomorrow

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm sorry, sonny, but there's no mail clerk on the moon rocket to cancel your first flight cover!"

When Tin Was Tiny

—He Was Twice As Lazy As R. Van Winkle—

By MAX TRELL

"H. old chaps!" said General Tin, the Tin Soldier, as Knarf, the Shadow Boy, with the Turned-About Name, and his two friends, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Small Sized Wooden Indian, came into the room.

General Tin yawned and stretched himself.

"I certainly feel lazy today. It reminds me of the way I used to feel years and years ago, when I was a boy like you are now."

"I'm not a boy," said Knarf.

"I'm not a boy," said Teddy.

"I'm not a boy," said Hiawatha.

"I'm a Wooden Indian."

Yawned And Stretched

Instead of answering Knarf and Teddy and Hiawatha, General Tin simply yawned and stretched himself again. He usually sat himself down on the floor near the Playroom door.

"Now don't make any mistake," General Tin went on. "I don't say it's good to be lazy. Quite the contrary. I think being lazy is very bad for anyone. Nevertheless, I was the laziest boy in the world. I know, because no one else ever did the things that I did to avoid doing any work."

"How well I remember the time my mother asked me to go out and fetch some wood. She needed it for the fire in her oven. She was about to bake a pie."

"Fetch me some wood, please," she said to me.

Lying In A Chair

"I was lying curled up in a chair at that moment, just about to take a nap. I didn't feel at all like going outside and fetching any wood."

"But," General Tin went on, "I didn't want to disobey my mother, so, lazy as I was, I uncurled myself and went outside to look for wood. Well, I looked for a few minutes, and then I felt lazy all over again. I didn't want to come back empty-handed, but neither did I care about carrying in a whole armful of wood."

"So, finally, I came back with an acorn."

"An acorn!" Knarf exclaimed.

General Tin smiled sadly.

"I gave it to my poor mother. I told her the acorn was really an oak tree. All she had to do was to wait until it grew for awhile."

"Was she angry?" Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, wanted to know.

"I guess she was," General Tin replied. "She didn't give me



Rip Van Winkle offered to help Tin carry his books.

any pie that night. And of course I deserved not to have any. Did you ever hear of such laziness in your whole life?"

Knarf and Teddy and Hiawatha said they never had.

"I was so lazy," General Tin said, "that one day I was sitting on the school steps, too lazy to carry home my books, when an old man came along and helped me."

Twice As Lazy

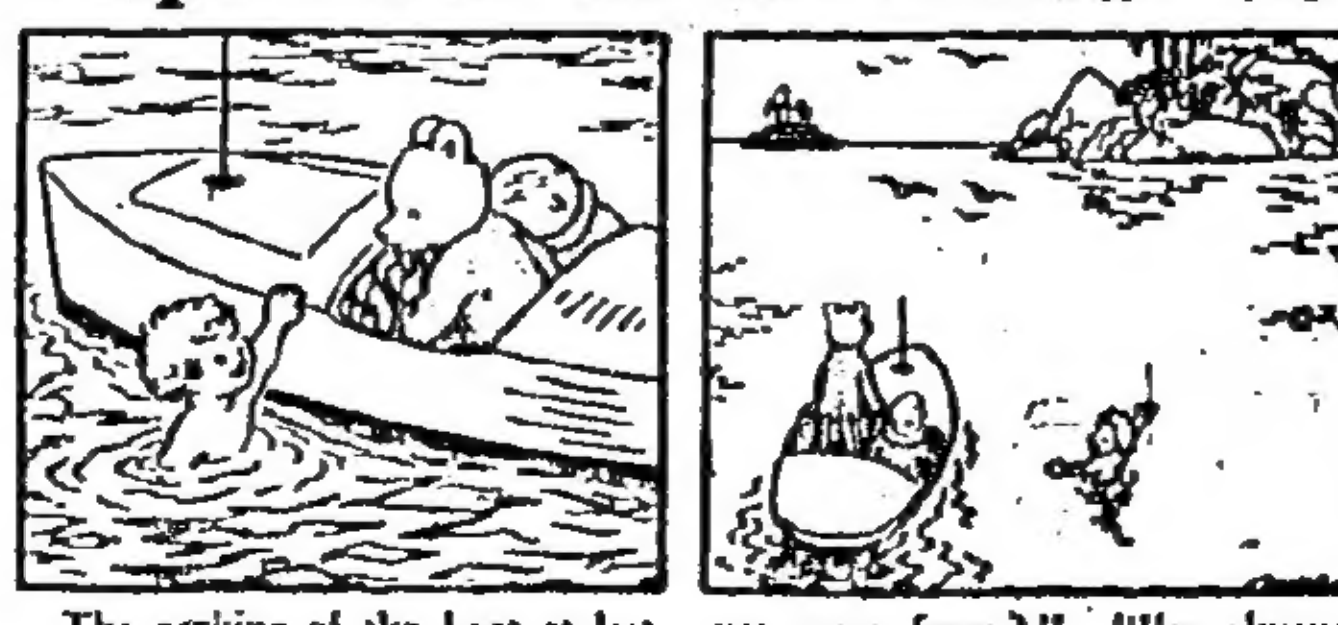
"Young man," he said slowly, after I had reached home, you're twice as lazy as I am. And I always thought I was the laziest man in the world."

"Do you know who that man was?" General Tin asked Knarf and his two friends.

"Who was he, General Tin?" Knarf asked.

"Old Rip Van Winkle," General Tin said. "The man who slept for twenty years! Just imagine anyone being twice as lazy as Rip Van Winkle! But I was. Yes, I was! Rip Van Winkle said so himself!"

Rupert and the Secret Boat—23



The rocking of the boat at last makes Rupert stir and gaze about in bewilderment. "Come on, sleepy head," calls a cheerful voice. "Why, who's what?" "Where are we?" says Rupert huskily. "Gracious, you're a Merboy, aren't you? Where have you come from?" "I'm always here," laughs the Merboy. "Where have you come from, and why are you snoozing in my lagoon?" "Your lagoon?" says Rupert. "Oh dear, we've had a terrible journey. Are those islands yours too?"

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England Abandoning Hopes Of Saving 'Ashes'

CONCENTRATE ON SAVING MATCH WITH SLOW RATE OF SCORING

Adelaide, Feb. 4.

England's openers, Peter Richardson and Willie Watson, batted throughout this morning in an exciting and slow session to advance England's overnight total of 43 to 87 at lunch on the fifth day of the fourth Test match—still 149 behind Australia's first innings score with all second innings wickets intact.

Johansson Arrives In Sweden

Goteborg, Feb. 3. With a happy smile on his lips and a world title fight contract in his pocket, Sweden's heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson arrived here today by air from New York.

He was received at the airport by journalists, photographers and radio reporters. Johansson said he believed the title fight against Floyd Patterson will take place in June, either in Los Angeles or New York.

"I would prefer to take on Floyd in New York, but I think Los Angeles has the best chances at present to get the fight," he said. "I have, however, seen today that date and site for the fight will be announced within the next three weeks."

Ingemar said he would like to fight Floyd before the end of June, because of the prevailing warm weather in the U.S.—L.P.I.

70 TEAMS FOR THE SESTRIERE AUTO RALLY

Sestriere, Feb. 3. Sweden, Britain, France, Switzerland and Italy are among the countries who have entered 70 teams for the 10th Sestriere Automobile Rally to be held from February 23 to 26, it was announced here today.

The 2,523 kilometre (1,567 miles) race course for European Rally Championships.

Among the star entries are Sweden's Gunnar Andersson, the 1958 European Rally champion, Britain's Pat Moss, winner of the Ladies' Cup in the recent Monte Carlo Rally, and sister of the famous driver Shirling Moss, Britain's veteran rally driver, John Sprinzel and Tom Wisdom, and Italy's Luigi Villorossi who teamed up with the late Alberto Ascari and won the 1951 Sestriere rally.—France-Press.

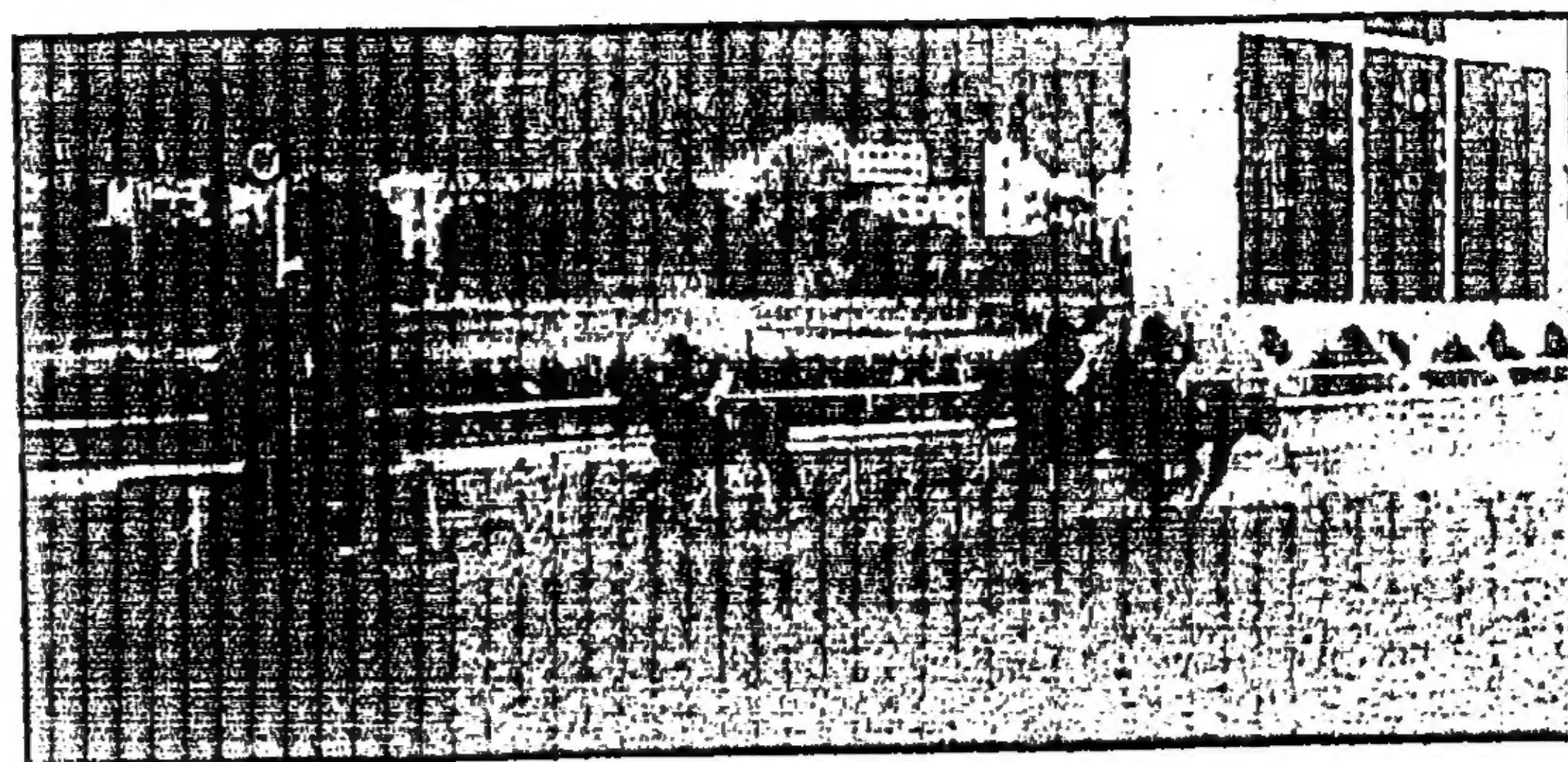
Hanif Mohammad In Pakistan's Test Team

Karachi, Feb. 3. Hanif Mohammad who recently set a world record by scoring 499 runs in a first class match, is among 15 players from whom the Pakistan cricket team will be chosen to meet the West Indies in a Test match beginning here on February 20.

West Indies have two more games to play in India—the fifth Test starting on Friday at Delhi and a three-day game at Amritsar.

They have already won the Test series against India.—China Mail Special.

UPSET AT THE VALLEY



Although favourites enjoyed another successful day on the whole at the second day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Saturday, one major and three minor upsets were recorded. Top photo shows Easy Win (No. 6) ridden by Robert Tsai, winning the last race of the afternoon in a photo-finish with Chatterbox (No. 4) and Brilliance (No. 2) to produce the biggest upset of the day and pay a dividend of \$75.30 for a win.—China Mail photo.

COOPER NAMED BOXER OF MONTH BY N.B.A. Ranked Third Contender In Monthly Ratings

Milwaukee, Feb. 3.

The newly crowned British and Empire Heavyweight champion Henry Cooper was chosen as the best boxer of the month by the National Association which published its monthly ratings here today.

Cooper, who outboxed and outpointed Brian London to take the title early last month, moves from eighth to third rung in the ratings. Sweden's Ingemar Johansson now signed up for a title fight against Floyd Patterson, is ranked as the top contender.

Japan's Sadao Yoda who beat World Flyweight champion Pascual Perez in Tokyo last month is now top contender for the Flyweight crown. Pone Kingpetch (Thailand) is rated fourth, Donny Ursea (Philippines) fifth and Kenji Yonekura (Japan) ninth. In the Bantamweight division the Filipino Leo Espinosa is third challenger to French World champion Alphonse Halil.

Japan's Kiyoshi Miura is ranked seventh and Al Asuncion of the Philippines eighth.

The Ratings

Following are the ratings:—
HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion: Floyd Patterson (US).
Contenders: Ingemar Johansson (Sweden), Nino Valdes (Cuba), Henry Cooper (Britain), Zora Foley (US), Brian London (Britain), Willie Pastrano (US), Eddie Mechen (US), Roy Harris (US), Mike Dejohn (US), Sonny Liston (US).

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion: Archie Moore (US).
Contenders: Tony Anthony (US), Harold Johnson (US), Yvon Durelle (Canada), Eric Schoepner (Germany), Sonny Ray (US), Mike Kelly (South Africa), Bobby Bowdy (US), Johnny Halabai (Friendly Islands), Donnie Fleman (US), Jerry Lee (US).

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion: Sugar Ray Robinson (US).
Contenders: Carmen Basilio (US), George Fullmer (US), Spider Webb (US), Gusman Shultz (Germany), Ace Armstrong (US), Joselo (US), Willie Foster (South Africa), Dave Charnley (Britain), Mario Vecchiato (Italy), Bobby Scamion (US), Johnny Gonzalez (US).

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion: Hogan "Kid" Dacey (Nigeria).
Contenders: Kenny Lane (US), Carlos Ortiz (US), Billie Lou (Italy), John Russo (US), Pauli Rossi (US), Willie Foster (South Africa), Dave Charnley (Britain), Mario Vecchiato (Italy), Bobby Scamion (US), Johnny Gonzalez (US).

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion: Alphonse Halil (France).
Contenders: Pierre Rollo (Italy), Mario Dagata (Italy), Leo Espinosa (Philippines), Jose Toluco Lopez (Mexico), Manuel Armenteros (Cuba), Ben Becerra (Mexico), Kiyoshi Miura (Japan), Al Asuncion (Philippines), Donnie Fleman (US), Freddy Gilroy (Ireland).

FLYWEIGHT
Champion: Pascual Perez (Argentina).
Contenders: Sadao Yoda (Japan), Ramon Ariza (Venezuela), Young Martin (Spain), Pone Kingpetch (Thailand), Donny Ursea (Philippines), Mario Dolan (Mexico), Carlos Miranda (Argentina), Kenji Yonekura (Japan), Johnny Caldwell (Ireland).—France-Press.

IBC Dissolution May Be Announced Next Week

New York, Feb. 3.

The dissolution of the International Boxing Club—the fight monopoly found guilty of operating against the Anti-Trust laws by the Supreme Court—should be announced next week, it was revealed here today.

Lawyers and IBC officials have laid their plans to dissolve the IBC before Judge Sylvester Ryan. Ryan has first to approve these measures.

According to certain reports, the IBC of New York will be dissolved—following the earlier dissolution of the Illinois IBC—but its assets including television contracts will be transferred to another organization called the "Madison Square Garden Boxing Inc."

IBC President Truman Gibson will reportedly take over the direction of the "Chicago Stadium" organization—which will replace the IBC of Illinois, while other New York IBC chiefs, including its Director Harry Markson, will take over comparative posts in the new "Madison Square Garden Boxing Inc." Organisation.—France-Press.

Iron Curtain Nations Lash Out At FIBA

Paris, Feb. 3.

Iron Curtain nations today chorused their indignation—as forecast—at the relegation to the bottom of the world basketball championship final pool of the Soviet Russian and Bulgarian teams.

The relegation and the rubbing out of points amassed by the two teams was the sanction inflicted by the International Federation for the Soviet and Bulgarian refusal to meet the Formosan team.

Iron Curtain press agencies, The New China News Agency (Peking), BTA (Sofia), Agence (Bulgaria), Ceteka (Prague) and "PAT" (Warsaw) today unleashed a flood of telegrams of protest, published statements and declarations of solidarity issued by official sports organizations in the "popular republics."

Unprecedented Error

A spokesman for China said that "on the instigation of the American Basketball Federation" had committed an unprecedented error in the history of sports by annulling the points honestly acquired by the Soviet Union and Bulgarian teams.

"Chinese sportsmen," added the statement, "would thank the Soviet and the Bulgarian for having refused to play the team belonging to the 'Chiang Kai-shek clique'."

The Rumanian Basketball Federation meanwhile termed the inclusion of the Formosan team as "illegal and scandalous."

The Czechs and the Poles commented that the International Federation's decision was a "diservice to the cause of friendship among sportsmen of the world."—France-Press.

EUROPEAN TITLE BOUT

Helsinki, Feb. 3.

A title bout contact between European Featherweight champion Young Martin and Finland's Risto Laakkonen was signed here tonight.

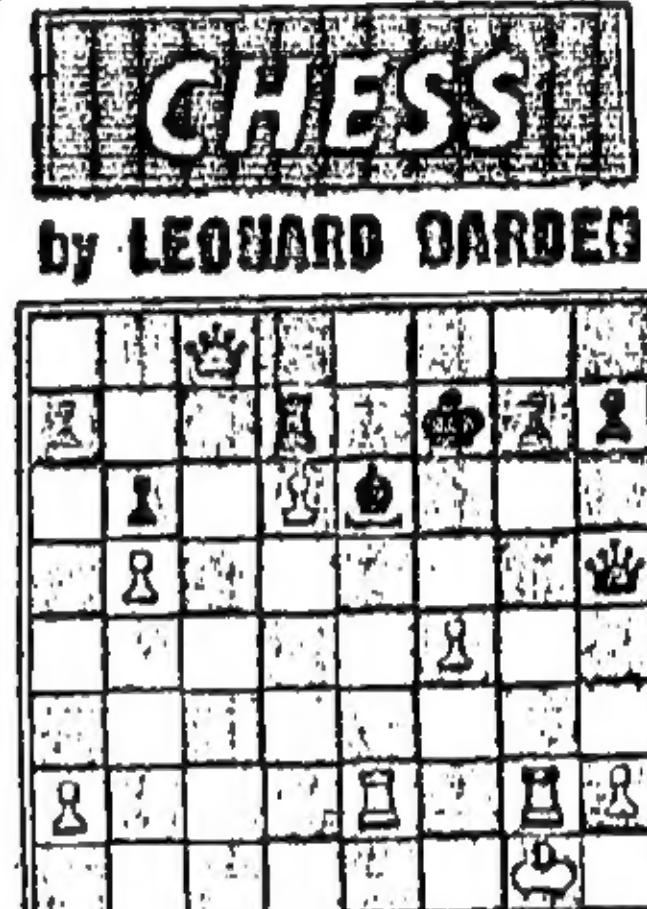
The fight will be staged in the Finnish capital this spring. The Finnish boy has so far beaten all his opponents since he turned professional in October 1957.—France-Press.

BRIAN LONDON CHALLENGES JOHANSSON

London, Feb. 3.

Brian London, the former British and Empire heavyweight champion, is annoyed at reported statements by Ingemar Johansson, the European Heavyweight title-holder, that he (London) "knows nothing about lighting" and that "my little sister could do a better fight than London."

Jack London, Brian's father, said today Johansson could not put Joe Frazier on the floor when he fought him, yet Brian knocked Erskine out. "To show Johansson that we know something about the game, Brian is prepared to fight him at any time, anywhere."—France-Press.



Here is a position from master play (won by Eudore). White to move and win.
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London Express Service.

RUSSIAN WINS 2nd STAGE OF EGYPT'S CYCLING TOUR

Assiout, Feb. 3.

Russia's Arkadi Amantoni won today's 115 kilometre (72 miles) second stage of the "Cycling Tour of Egypt" from Sohag to here. He clocked 2 hours 42 mins 14 seconds.

Rumania's Vasil was second in 2 hours 42 mins 44 secs and East Germany's Plunkat third in 2 hours 46 mins 58 secs.

Thirty-five cyclists from seven nations—East Germany, Russia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Iran and the United Arab Republic—left the Sohag starting point on Monday for the 12-stage 1,650 kilometre (1,030 miles) tour.

Today's team playings are:—1. Russia and Rumania—8 hours 17 mins. 10 secs.
2. East Germany—8 hours 20 mins. 54 secs.

Overall team standings are:—1. East Germany—29 hours 4 mins. 9 secs.
2. Russia—29 hours 20 mins. 10 secs.

Overall individual standings are:—1. Reinhard Plunkat (East Germany)—9 hrs. 40 mins. 23 secs.
2. Alexi Petrov (Russia)—9 hrs. 40 mins. 53 secs.

3. Wolfgang Braune (East Germany)—9 hrs. 1 min. 23 secs.—France-Press.

New Record For Indoor Hop-Step-Jump

Moscow, Feb. 3.

The Soviet Union's Oleg Fedoseev, today beat the world indoor hop-step-jump record when he cleared 15.90 metres (52 ft 10 ins). Tass news agency reported.

Fedoseev established the record at a winter university championship meeting at Leningrad.

He followed up this success by winning the long jump event with 7.20 metres (23 ft 7 ins) and the high jump event with 2.04 metres (6 ft 8 1/2 ins).—France-Press.

Burma Wants Repeat Tour By Malaysians

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 3.

Burma wants the Malaysian national soccer team to make another tour, a Football Association of Malaysia official said today.

Mr. Lim Kee-siong, vice-president of the association, has been managing the national side now in Burma. He said on his return today that the Burmese Football Association had agreed to meet air passages and board and lodging if the Malaysians came back.

They had also agreed to give the Malaysian association £1,000 sterling for three games in Burma.—China Mail Special.

WAYFOONG TAKE ON 'VICTORIA' XV IN TONIGHT'S RUGBY

By PAK LO

This evening "Wayfoong" are once more taking the field, as they get in some much needed practice for their annual match against the Club at the end of the rugby season.

Tonight, "Wayfoong" are taking on the minor Army XV known as "Victoria", which though entered in the Army Knockout Competition has not yet been seen in action.

Army, K.O. Tournay

Out at Sekong this afternoon the playing off their first round encounter in the Army Knockout Competition, and this then is the end of the first round.

The second round is scheduled to be played off before February 7, 1959, and the semi-final must be finished by the 14th. The final of this Competition is arranged for the 28th, and this is a date to remember as these finals are always hard-fought affairs.

The draw for the second round is as follows:—
5th Field Regt v. 1st Lancashire.
Victoria v. 1st R. Tanks.
Whitefield v. 32nd Medium Regt.
Green Howards v. 49th Field R.E.M.E.

And now some news of the Taiwan Touring XV that is due to arrive in the Colony next week. The dates and the venues for the various matches they will play have now been finalised and are:

The President's XV

For those of you who are puzzled by the "President's XV" a few words of explanation are perhaps necessary. This will be formed from those players who for one reason or another will not get a chance to play in any of the other three matches, and while this will not be as strong a team as the others it is hoped that it will be strong enough to give the Taiwanese a very hard game.

The Club game which comes first on the calendar will of course give an indication of how good these youngsters are this year, and although the Club leads the Hexangular Table they are not as strong as they were just last year when they narrowly squeaked through to a win over the Taiwanese.

Incidentally these were no changes in the positions of the teams in the Hexangular after last week's games as shown by the Table below.

Wayfoong's XV

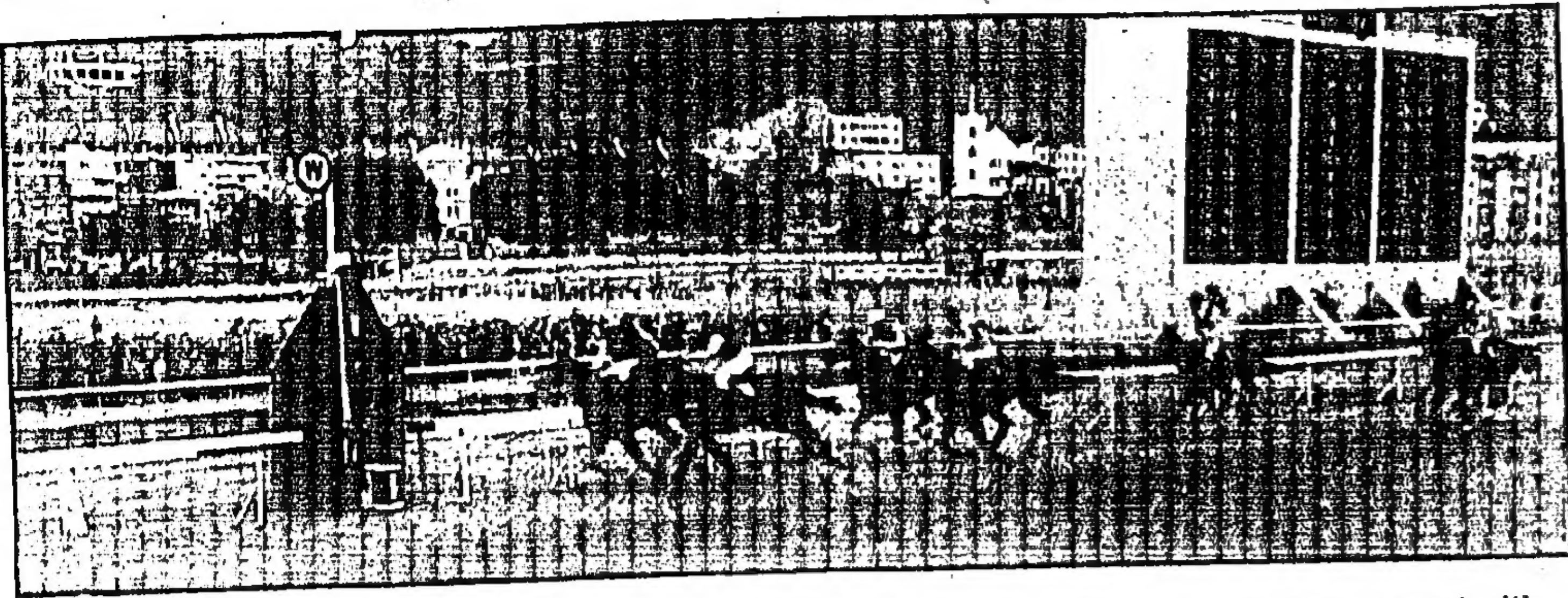
It is rumoured that this week-end Army South will be extremely weak and if this is so then Club should have no difficulty in running out the winners, while Army North are expected to beat the Police in their match. Thus the fate of the Hexangular Trophy lies in the last game when Club and Army North clash for the second time.

In tonight's game Wayfoong have once again borrowed Carwell to make up their three, and it was his speed that last time paved the way for a couple of tries. With Wiggitt and Laville of the Club as the two halves Wayfoong should get going tonight and with their fairly strong pack could rack up a convincing win, which is what they need to put them in fighting trim for their big match.

The Team
Wayfoong: Martin, McLellan, Sim, McCloskey, Carnell, Wiggitt, Laville, Moore, Dillworth, Collinson, Barnes, Cooper, Sam Wells, Leonard.



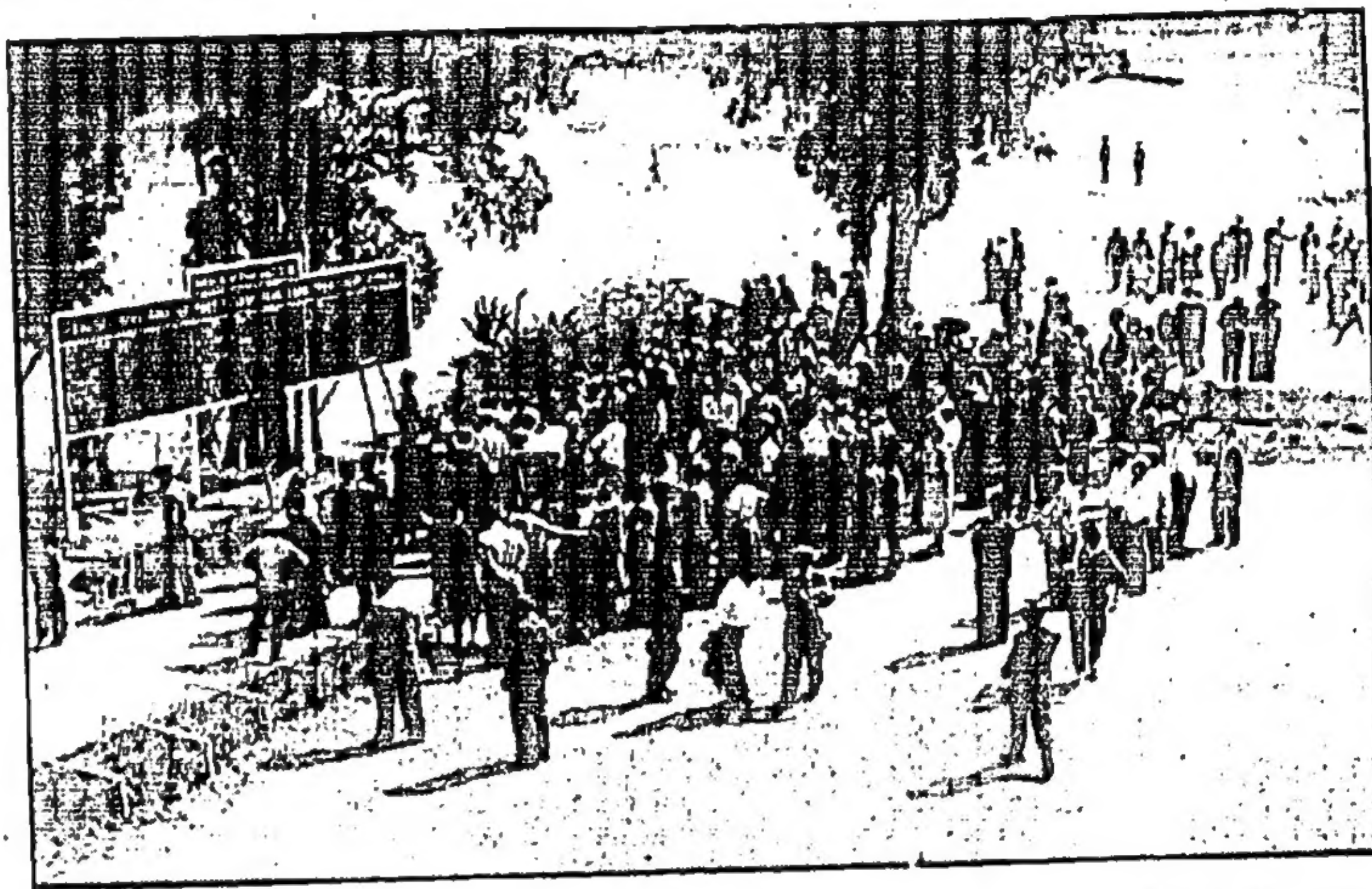
SPORTS PICTORIAL



The second day's programme of the Seventh Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Saturday opened with two minor upsets.

In the first race of the afternoon, Fei Chi (Ringo Lai) finished an easy winner to pay \$34.50 while favourites Free Kick and So Big each failed to gain even a place.

Above photo shows the finish of the second race where Gambetta (near the rail), ridden by M. Samary just manages to edge out Rotary Wheel (No. 8) by a short head at the finish, to pay another good win dividend of \$34.80. Top favourites Ability and Supersonic were not even placed.—China Mail Photo.



The SCMP Open Golf tournament last week-end attracted perhaps the biggest crowd ever seen at Fanling. The above photo shows some of the enthusiastic crowd checking up on the scores.

On left, Australia's Bruce Crampton who shared the second prize with another Australian Kel Nagle is seen in action during the tournament.—China Mail photo.



Biggest local sports event of the week was the £1,000 South China Morning Post Open golf tournament at Fanling last Saturday and Sunday. First winner of this first ever journey was Taiwan's Lu Liang-huan while the best amateur award went to Hongkong's G. D. Carter.

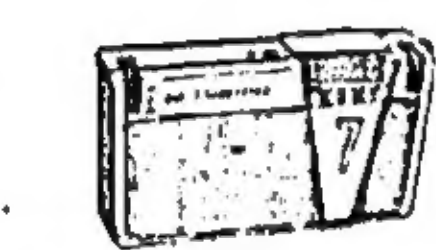
Here Lu and Carter are seen with the Stazenger's trophy and the Penfold Perpetual trophy presented to them.—China Mail photo.

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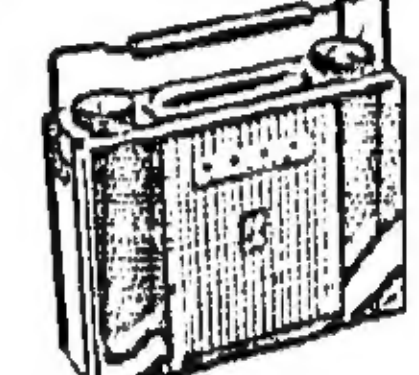
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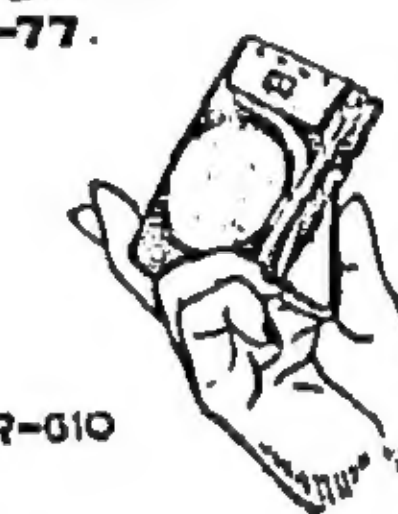
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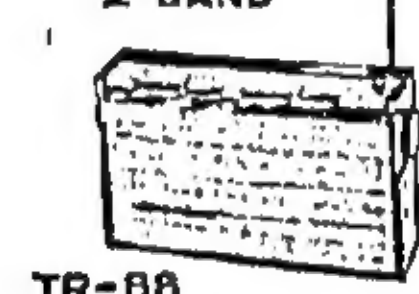
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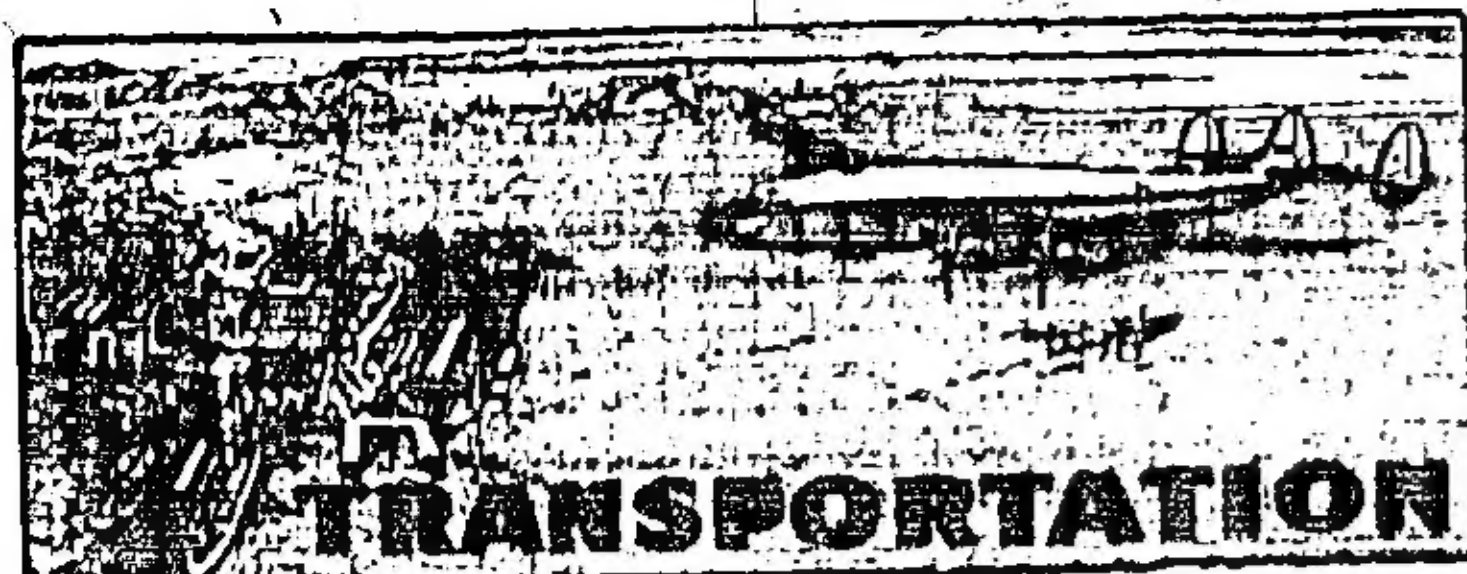
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INDONESIA SLOWLY RESTORING MERCHANT FLEET

Djakarta, Feb. 3. INDONESIA is slowly restoring to full strength, her merchant shipping fleet, a vital link between the inhabitants of the archipelago's 3,000 islands.

The inter-island fleet dropped from 175 to 90 when the Dutch-owned K.R.M. fleet was kicked out after the anti-Dutch campaign of 1957.

To keep her island peoples supplied, the Indonesian Government has gone in for a heavy ship-buying programme.

UNDER ORDER

Fifty-five ships are under order from six countries for the government-owned line Pelayaran Garuda Indonesia. The six countries are Poland, the Netherlands, Japan, Italy, Germany and Finland.

But it has already provided ten cargo-passenger vessels and two tankers in 1958 to help the Indonesians through their ship-buying crisis.

According to American sources, the United States Government has also been approached to advance money under the development loan fund for buying ships.

TRAIN CREWS

Forty-five merchant officers from Russia, Poland, Yugoslavia and Germany are helping run the ships and training Indonesian crews, according to Pelayaran Garuda officials.

During the past year Indonesia has had to fill in the big gap in her shipping needs by chartering ships from neighbouring countries.

According to Shipping Ministry sources, the country now has 30 ships, weighing 70,000 tons, under charter.

Trade sources say the Ministry has been unable to do much more than supply the basic needs of the islands.

The Sumatran revolt which followed soon after the anti-Dutch campaign further complicated the Ministry's position.

COMMUNDEERED

The Army commandeered a large number of ships to move troops and supplies. It is still using about 40 per cent of Government ships, according to the Ministry.

Plenty of complaints have come from outlying islands. Local authorities in the Celebes have said they are not getting essential commodities like kerosene and sugar.

Last December traders of the Flores, eastern Indonesia, said no ship had come to pick up their cargo for a whole year.

—Reuters.

TU-104 Jets Withdrawn

Paris, Feb. 3. COMMUNIST Czechoslovakia's state airline announced it is withdrawing Soviet-built TU-104 jets from its Prague-Paris line.

The TU-104s, which are expected to go into service between Prague and Cairo, will be replaced by Ilyushin-14s, the airline announced here. The Czech airline will continue to use TU-104s between Moscow and Paris.—U.P.I.

NEW ZEALAND FRIGATE LAUNCHED

Princess Margaret launched HMNZS Otago the first ship of a planned squadron for the Royal New Zealand Navy of Type 12 Whitley Class frigates. The ceremony took place at the Woolston yards of John J. Thornycroft, and is the first time in the history of British naval construction that a ship has been built entirely for service in the Royal New Zealand Navy.—Central Press Photo.

Reassessment Of Air Safety

Rome, Feb. 3. THE conference of the International Civil Aviation Organisation on modernising flight procedure in the Middle East and South-East Asia ended here today.

The conference's goal was to draft plans to facilitate international flights—particularly jet flights—in those regions, where current flight procedures date back to six and eight years ago.

The ICAO plans were to be valid for five years. More than 200 delegates representing 29 countries and five international organisations took part in the conference, which began on January 7.

Delegates made a large-scale reassessment of minimum requirements to insure safety and consistency of air transportation in the Middle East and South-East Asia. They reviewed the co-ordination necessary with flights from Europe, the Mediterranean region, Africa and the Indian Ocean.

Four technical committees were formed to study, each in their own capacity, ways and means to revise present flight procedures as well as improve airports and ground installations, flight regulations and control services, search and rescue procedures, meteorology and communications.—France-Press.

'Face Lift' For Harbour

Whitstable, Feb. 3. WHITSTABLE Harbour, built in 1832 and purchased by the Urban Council from the British Transport Commission a year ago for £2,500 is being given a £400,000 "face lift" as a first anniversary present.

The battered timber quays that stood up to the wear of ships and tides for well over a century have been refaced with steel sheet-piling and the Urban Council, hoping to attract a larger share of the coastal trade, has begun a scheme to provide new fendering and improved mooring facilities.—China Mail Special.

Tanker Launched

Antwerp, Feb. 3. ONE of the largest tankers ever constructed in Belgium, the Caltex Bristol of 32,000 tons was launched here today.

The tanker is owned by the Overseas Tankship Corporation of London, and is expected to be commissioned in six months' time.—Reuters.

PROS AND CONS OF FULL CONVERTIBILITY OF THE £

Realisation Of Dream Won't Please All

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Feb. 3.

The removal of dollar import restrictions was foreshadowed last week by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Derick Heathcoat-Amory. This part of the "freer trade and payments" programme would be well launched, he told Parliament, before sterling took the ultimate step to de jure convertibility.

Although it is getting on for 15 years since Britain agreed eventually to make her currency freely convertible, for all purposes, the realisation of the Bretton Woods dream will not please everybody.

Having porpoised themselves on canned salmon (freed from the import control last autumn) there will be people in Britain who will not be pleased to see Mr. Harold Wilson, to run Cadillacs on purely prestige grounds.

Competing

Nor will the move please some Commonwealth producers. Having developed industries on the basis of a protected British market, they now face the prospect of competing on level terms with America's highly efficient producers.

West Indian citrus fruit growers complain that already demand for their products has dried up as the dealers await freedom to import the same goods at lower cost from America.

Naturally the prospect pleases Americans. Approving the latest move towards currency freedom, the First National City Bank of New York said in its monthly newsletter this week that "True relationships among currencies cannot be achieved so long as the exchange and import restrictions continue to deny access of citizens to dollars for trade, travel and investment."

Later in the same article the bank produces an argument that might have been taken from the zone of the Socialist speeches in last week's debate on the convertibility move.

It points out that American firms stand to gain from the extra business that convertibility will bring from countries that have had until now only limited access to American goods. The ultimate benefits will depend, it says, on competitiveness—in terms of prices, quality and delivery—of American products in world markets.

This return to economic freedom, to the restoration of free competition, will affect policies in countries whose currencies are newly convertible. Each of them, says the bank, "will hesitate to retreat from the position it has now attained and thus be deprived of the benefits."

Mr. Hugh Gaitkell, leader of the Socialist opposition and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, believes that the British Government will not only

be reluctant to retreat, it will be unable to retreat.

According to Mr. Gaitkell, every post-war exchange crisis—of devaluation in September 1949, to the colossal run on reserves in September 1957—was a result of speculation.

Now, although reflation was an economic necessity, an expansionist policy at home was quite likely to lead to similar speculative moves.

"It is not only that speculative pressure in a difficult situation will be greater as a result of this decision (to make sterling convertible into dollars for non-residents)," he said, "There is something else with which we are much concerned. It is that because of this and in order to protect anything that we have gained, we shall be told what we must cut back; that we are trying to do too much; that there is overfull employment. We shall be warned that we must delay expansion; not because of anything that is done, but because of what is thought by speculators."

The Socialist's opposition to convertibility even in its present limited form is based on two arguments. The first is that in future any internal measure will have to be judged on its likely effect on foreign opinion. If it is likely to prejudice confidence the measure will have to be abandoned or at least delayed. Moreover, the sensitivity of sterling to rumours will cause measures that are taken to protect reserves that will have the effect of slowing down Britain's own economic expansion on which its competitiveness—the very means of making convertibility work—depends.

The second argument is that the timing of the convertibility move was ill-considered.

None of the three famous conditions—adequate reserves, non-discrimination by Britain's trade partners, and a balance between the dollar area and the sterling area—has been fulfilled, they say.

Mr. Gaitkell recalled that he told the Americans in 1957 that he would think about convertibility when reserves reached five billion dollars and that probably the figure would be six or seven billion dollars. Today they were less than half that figure—about £1,100,000,000, amounting to about £300,000,000 in gold and foreign currencies, and £800,000,000 in sterling.

On the second condition, Mr. Harold Wilson said, we must now expect more instead of less discrimination against British goods in Europe. And as for the third condition, the recent flight from the dollar was "possibly a very temporary phenomenon."

Mr. Amory argued that the change was not a very significant one. In practice, he said, it had not been possible to reduce speculative pressure by allowing a margin for transferable sterling to widen. To have done so would have advertised its weakness in sterling.

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

US Dollars (per £1) 57 1/2
Sterling notes (per £1) 10 1/2
Australian notes (per £1) 12 1/2
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 23 1/2
Sri Lanka (per 100) 12 1/2

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Young Soldier Charged With Attack On Rickshaw Man

A rickshaw puller, Chu Shok-chuen, described before Judge K. R. Macfee at the Victoria District Court this morning how another rickshaw puller had struggled with a European who was allegedly found to have a gun with him.

Chu was testifying at the trial of Gunner Brian Leslie Sutton, 19, of 74 Field Battery, 32 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, on charges of robbery and assault.

Sutton is accused of robbing a rickshaw puller, Chan Kim-tai, of 40 cents, assaulting Chan, and possessing a revolver and five rounds of ammunition without a licence. He is defended by Major J. F. Bowman, of Army Legal Service.

The Prosecution, conducted by Insp. T. W. Wheeler, alleged that Sutton had hired Chan's rickshaw in Kowloon on the night of December 16. In Midland Row, Chan asked Sutton for the fare but Sutton allegedly drew a revolver and took 40 cents from Chan.

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Saw Policeman
Sutton ran away but was caught in Nathan Road near Chungking Arcade.

On their way, Chu said, they saw a policeman in Middle Road. When he was told that Sutton had a gun with him, the policeman lifted up his leg and a gun dropped to the ground.

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FOG COVERS HONGKONG

Kai Tak Holdup Until 10am

CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Widespread fog covered Hongkong this morning. Visibility at the Royal Observatory was reduced to a minimum of 200 yards at one stage, and no air movements were possible at the airport until 10 a.m.

Man Who Gambled Embezzled Money Goes To Gaol

A 29-year-old cashier who after collecting \$610 for his employer, gambled it all away, was given three months by Mr Derek Cons at Central this morning.

The cashier, Kong Chi, living in 31 Aberdeen Street, second floor, pleaded guilty to embezzling.

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The weather today is slightly cooler than yesterday, but muggy conditions continue.

All during the morning the humidity has ranged between 80 and 100 per cent.

Temperature Down
Temperatures today are two or three degrees below yesterday's. This morning's minimum temperature was 65.4 degrees, and the spokesman said the maximum temperature today should be about 72 degrees.

He said that all the Observatory stations in the Colony reported fog, and at Waglan the visibility dropped to 50 yards today.

The outlook for tomorrow, he said, is much the same as today, with a lot of coastal fog, cloudy with patches of drizzle.

TRAVEL WRITER ARRIVING

A travel authority, Mr Horace Sutton, will arrive in Hongkong today.

Mr Sutton is Travel Editor of the Saturday Review, The New York Herald Tribune Syndicate, and Sports Illustrated, and is considered to be America's leading travel writer.

He is accompanied by his wife, Patricia, 24, who was a featured dancer in the Broadway musical "My Fair Lady" prior to their marriage seven months ago.

Mr Sutton is on a combination business and pleasure tour and was a principal speaker at the recent PATA Conference in Singapore.

MAN TELLS OF HIS PART IN ROBBERY

(Continued from Page 1)

Kwan then said that he was assigned to watch Cheung Bak-fook, a resident in the premises, Cheung Bak-fook had his hands tied behind and was facing a wall in the bedroom.

"I was then alone with him but Ah Chan came with a towel and told me to cut the towel up. I went in the corridor to do that and then went to watch an old woman who was tied up in the bathroom. She was trying to loosen the bonds on her legs, and I told her not to move. She nodded. I did not harm her in anyway and I did not assault her."

Heard A Noise
Kwan said that he then heard a noise coming from the bedroom. "It was the sound of breaking glass," he said, "then I heard the sound of scissors being manipulated and I heard the sound of something hit by a scissor blade."

Kwan said that he then saw the second accused come out of the bedroom followed by Ah Chan.

"There was blood on their bodies and their hands," he added. "Some of the blood came into contact with my body. I became afraid."

Hearing is continuing.

Seven Injured

Two boys, two girls, a youth and two women were injured in traffic accidents in Hongkong and Kowloon yesterday. All were admitted to hospital for treatment.



Today is "Lap Chun" — the Advent of Spring in the Chinese Lunar Calendar. According to Chinese belief it is the only day of the year when an egg will stand on end.

This morning, to test this belief, Mrs J. P. Pickford and Miss O. M. Ferreira, tried to stand a number of eggs on end. After many abortive attempts, they succeeded.

China Mail photographer, S. L. Ng, took the above picture. Try it yourself. The egg must be balanced on a completely flat surface.

IAN CROUCH HAD 2 RADIOS ON BOARD

A Government radio surveyor this morning testified before the Marine Board of Inquiry investigating the disappearance of the schooner Ian Crouch that atmospheric interference in the area between Hongkong and British North Borneo had always been very serious.

The witness was Mr Chan Kwok-chuen, a Post Office radio surveyor working in conjunction with the Marine Department.

The Ian Crouch, a 500-ton vessel built locally by the Cheoy Lee Shipyard for Ian Crouch Ltd, of Adelaide, left for Australia on her maiden voyage on September 26 last year.

Except for a radio message the following day, there has been no word from her since. Mr Chan gave evidence that on September 18, 1958, he went on board the Ian Crouch to inspect the radio equipment.

First Time
He tested the radio-telephone system he found on board. It was of a type not approved by the British Government, and it was the first time he had come across that type of set.

Mr Chan said the transmitter had four frequencies — 2182, 2038, 2780 and 6280 kilocycles per second. The frequency range of the receiver covered from 510 kilocycles per second to about 1,600, which was the standard broadcast band.

He checked the receiver and found it to be in a satisfactory condition. He also tested the transmitter on all four frequencies with the local radio-telephone station.

The power supply was checked. It was drawn from storage batteries. The charging circuit was found not to be working, but on a subsequent visit he found it to be in working order.

The Range
Mr Chan said that on the 2182 kilocycle frequency, the range was difficult to estimate because everything depended on the time of day, the season, and the conditions of reception.

"For that type of radio equipment and for that time of year — September — I would say the range was about 160 miles," said witness.

"Atmospheric interference would grow worse and worse if the ship went nearer the equator. This would reduce the range even further."

Mr Chan said that he suggested to the ship's operator that the equipment was of a limited frequency range and power and told him that there were only a few notions keeping watch on the 2182 kilocycle band.

He suggested that a portable lifeboat radio equipment would be very useful. This suggestion was accepted and complied with.

From the Files

25 years AGO

AN SCM Post leader had this to say on Employment Agencies: "Hongkong has for many years lacked a number of facilities which are every day conveniences in other cities. One such lack has been a Registry Office or Employment Agency and another a Real Estate agency for the letting of houses."

In recent months, however, one lack seems to have been remedied, and somewhat generously there are now apparently three or four employment agencies in competition.

How successful these are and how much a blessing to the community cannot be judged, but the number of complaints received is ominous and there appears to be cause for official inquiry.

The system adopted here differs from that elsewhere, so much so that it approaches very near to what in the vernacular is called a ramp or racket.

The bodies of the three airmen who yesterday made a record ascent into the stratosphere were discovered in the gondola of their balloon today, says a Moscow report. Their instruments showed they had ascended 15 miles.

Dr R. H. Kotewall told the audience at the opening of the new Alhambra Theatre that this was the fourth theatre which he had opened, the other three being the Queen's, the Ko Shing and the Prince's.

"At breakfast this morning one of my daughters told me with a feisty which daughters generally permit themselves: 'Why, Dad, if you carry on at this rate, you can soon hold an exhibition of golden keys.'"

The tone of this remark carried the heavy implication that it was my one object in life to hunt for gold keys. However that may be, I hope that these keys have unlocked the door of prosperity for the theatres concerned.

Manager of the Hongkong Amusements Ltd, owners of the theatre was Mr J. M. Noronha.

European YMCA Secretary Mr J. H. Hunt who has been there since the Kowloon building was opened by Sir Cecil Clementi in 1925, will be going on leave in April and will not be returning.

Leonard Edderburn, an English businessman from Shanghai, 37 years of age, disappeared and is believed to have gone overboard from the NYK vessel Tatsumi Maru just before the ship docked today.

Strangely enough, disappeared in practically identical circumstances four years ago, while travelling aboard a ship from Dairen to Shanghai.

The following officers were elected for the annual meeting of St John's Cathedral:

Representatives to the Board of Trustees, Messrs P. Jacks, and P. S. Cassidy.

Representatives to the Diocesan Conference: Messrs A. S. Abbott, F. Austin, W. C. Clark, L. Forster, D. B. Harley, C. A. Herklotz, T. H. King and F. Mason, and Messdames Swann, Davidson and Wolfe and Miss Buckwell.

The following officers were elected at the St Andrew's annual meeting:

Church of England Board of Trustees, Mr O. B. Raven and Mr P. J. A. Hamilton.

Church Warden—Mr J. W. Baldwin and Mr W. H. C. Robson.

Hon. Auditor—Capt C. E. Elliot-Heywood. Church Council—The Vicar, Miss H. D. Sawyer, Messdames E. C. Thomas, L. L. Neal, M. C. C. Donald, Miss H. M. Armstrong, Dr H. D. Matthews, Rev. L. L. Nash, Messrs W. H. C. Robson, O. B. Raven, H. H. Wong, R. Baldwin, F. C. Thomas, H. Gilling, F. W. Sipleston, P. J. A. Hamilton.

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